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MINUTES

of the

FIFTY-FOURTH

ANNUAL SESSION

of the

Black Creek Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

WILSON

Wilson, North Carolina

FRIDAY, SATURDAY and SUNDAY

October 24-25-26, 1930

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Proceedings

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24TH, 1930

1st. The services were opened by praise and prayer by Elder Joshua T. Rowe.

2nd. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder S. B. Denny and from the following text Eph. 6th Chap. 10th verse.

3rd. The conference was opened by praise and prayer by Elder J. A. Herndon.

4th. On motion Elder Geo. W. Boswell was chosen Moderator, and Elder S. B. Denny chosen Asst. and Elder E. L. Cobb was chosen Clerk, who called brother I. A. Lamm to his assistance.

5th. On motion visiting brethren and messengers from sister associations were invited to seats with us.

6th. Elder A. L. Holloway was appointed to preach this afternoon, and he used the following text Gen. 9th Chap. 13th verse, also Elder James S. Corbett was appointed to preach at the church Friday night and he used the following text Titus 2nd Chap. 11th verse and the rest of the Chapter.

7th. Brethren J. B. Murray and L. G. Chamblee were appointed a committee on finance.

8th. Letters from 23 churches composing this association were called for and read.

9th. Petitionary letters to join this association was called for.

10th. Called for corresponding messengers from sister associations.

Contentnea—Minutes—Elders J. S. Corbett and W. B. Kearney, Bro. E. A. Stanfield and Brother G. W. Gardner.

Little River—Minutes—Brethren J. A. Batton and J. P. Temple, Eld. E. F. Pearce.

Seven Mile—Minutes—Elder Westbrook.

White Oak—Minutes—Brethren C. G. Houston and Zenic Futrell, Eld. L. E. Bryan.

Mill Branch—Minutes—Brother F. C. Wright.

Baltimore—Minutes—Elder Joshua T. Rowe, and Bro. F. G. Scott.

Warwick—Minutes—Elder Joshua T. Rowe.

Delaware—Minutes—Elder Joshua T. Rowe.

Delaware River—Minutes—Elder Joshua T. Rowe.

Staunton River—Minutes—None.

Lower Country Line—Minutes—Brethren J. H. Gooch, F. D. Long and Elders A. L. Holloway and J. E. Herndon.

Upper Country Line—Minutes—Elders B. F. McKinney, M. B. Martin and F. W. Keene.

Salem—Minutes—Brother D. F. Robertson.

Fishers River—Minutes—None.

Mayo—No Minutes—None.

Abbott's Creek—No Minutes—None.

Zion—Minutes—None.

11th. Appointed our next session of the association to be held with the church at Mill Branch to commence Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1931, at 11 o'clock. The introductory sermon to be preached by Elder S. B. Denny, and Elder R. H. Boswell to be his alternate.

12th. The following brethren were appointed to visit the sister associations that we correspond with.

Contentnea—Elders S. B. Denny, and Leonard Raper, and Brother I. A. Lamm.

White Oak—Elders J. T. Williams, and J. W. Wyatt.

Little River—Eld. E. L. Cobb, brethren J. W. Woodard and J. A. Stephenson.

Lower Country Line—Eld. E. L. Cobb, Eld. S. B. Denny, Brethren J. B. Murray and W. H. Burch.

Upper Country Line—Eld. H. F. Hutchen, Brethren J. B. Murray and W. H. Burch.

Seven Mile—Brethren J. W. Ellis, D. A. Thompson, J. B. Boswell, and I. A. Lamm.

Mill Branch—Elders H. F. Hutchens, J. T. Williams, and Leonard Raper.

Baltimore—Elders E. L. Cobb and J. W. Wyatt.

Delaware—Elder J. W. Wyatt.

Delaware River—Elder J. W. Wyatt.

Warwick—Elder J. W. Wyatt.

Abbotts Creek—Eld. H. F. Hutchens, Brethren J. B. Boswell and J. B. Murray.

Mayo—None.

Staunton River—Elder J. W. Wyatt.

Salem—None.

Fisher River—None.

Kehukee—Agreed to suspend correspondence with her until she sets her house in order.

13th. The officers of this association together with the deacons of this church were appointed a committee of arrangements.

14th. Elders J. A. Herndon, W. B. Kearney, and Xure Lee were appointed to preach Saturday morning and they used the following texts, J. A. H., Matthew 11th chap. 27th verse.

Elders M. B. Martin, F. W. Keene, and Tillman Sawyer, were appointed to preach Saturday afternoon, and they used the following texts, M. B. M., Blow ye the trumpet in Zion. F. W. K. 1st Sam. 20th Chap. 39th verse. T. S. Gen. 3rd chap. 9th verse.

Elders T. A. Stanfield, L. E. Bryan, and Cyrus Adams, were appointed to preach Saturday night, and they used the following texts, T. A. S. John 2nd Chap. 1st to 12th verses. C. A., Isaiah 61st Chap. 1st verse. Elders B. F. McKinney, J. T. Rowe, and O. J. Denny were appointed to preach Sunday morning, and they used th following texts, B. F. M. 1st Peter 2nd chap. 1st to 4th verses. J. T. R. 139th Psalms, 14, 15, and 16th verses. O. J. D. Isaiah 8th chap. 15 and 16th verses.

15th. The messengers of the churches were called for,and those that were not present were marked absent.

16th. The messengers that were appointed last year to visit sister associations were called on to report, and those that failed to attend were excused.

17th. The committee on Finance made the following report:

Received from churches		$139.40
Paid for minutes	$30.00	
Allowed Clerk for services	15.00	
Given to visiting ministers	94.40	
Grand total	$139.40	$139.40

18th. The report was received and the committee discharged after the money was distributed to the proper ones.

19th. In as much as all our business is transacted on Friday it is hereby agreed that any messenger from any church or association, who failed to make his report, can make his report to the Clerk any time during the association, and the Clerk is authorized to record same in our minutes.

20th. The Clerk is authorized to have 1500 copies of these minutes printed and distribute them among the churches and associations with whom we correspond, and have one recorded on our church books.

21st. Agreed that the constitution and rules of decorum be printed with these minutes.

22nd. The following brethren J. B. Barron and W. E. Turner were appointed to preserve order during the services on Saturday and Sunday.

23rd. Resolved that our thanks be extended to all the brethren and friends of this community and other sections who so kindly prepared for and entertained us, and that our Moderator give public expression at the close of the Association.

24th. After reading the minutes and approved the association adjourned to meet again at the time and place appointed for the next session with praise and prayer by the Moderator.

25th. Agreed that Elders E. L. Cobb and S. B. Denny write an obituary of the death of our brother and Elder J. E. Hocutt.

ELDER GEO. W. BOSWELL, Moderator.
ELDER E. L. COBB, Clerk.
BROTHER I. A. LAMM, Assist. Clerk.

LETTER.

Elder J. E. Hocutt was a member of the church at Nashville, N. C. which was a member of the Black Creek Association, and his membership was only for a short time. He spent about forty years as a minister among the Missionary Baptists, but God we trust gave him constraining grace, he left them and united with the Nashville church on the fourth Saturday in April 1928, and was baptized by Elder R. H. Boswell on Sunday following. He was ordained to the full work of the ministry on the fourth Sunday in September 1929, by Elders R. H. Boswell and A. B. Denson.

It pleased God to call him on the 15th day of May 1930, by death, and we trust that he fell asleep in the blessed arms of Jesus. He was highly respected by all that knew him, and we desire to bow in humble submission to him that doeth all things well, and pray that the blessings of God may reign with those who were near and dear to him by the ties of nature.

E. L. COBB,
S. B. DENNY.

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES AND THE TIME OF HOLDING YEARLY MEETING

1. Aycock's—Pastor, Eld. E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C., Clerk W. L. Minshew, Black Creek, N. C., Sept. 4th Sunday.

2. Beulah—Pastor, Eld. J. T. Collier, Micro, N. C.; clerk, A. B. Atkinson, Kenly, N. C.; J. W. Woodard, Kenly, N. C.; September, 3rd Sunday.

3. Contentnea—Pastor, Elder G. W. Boswell, Wilson, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3; clerk, F. W. Boswell, Wilson, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3; October, 3rd Sunday.

4. Cross Roads—Pastor, Elder J. W. Gardner, Goldsboro, N. C.; clerk, C. L. Gurley, Jr., Princeton, N. C., September 4th Sunday.

5. Creeches—Pastor, Elder J. T. Collier, Micro, N. C.; clerk, G. G. Creech, Kenly, N. C., August, 4th Sunday.

6. Dudley—Pastor, Elder W. R. Hines, Wilson, N. C.; clerk, Carrie Aycock, Fremont, N. C., August, 3rd Sunday.

7. Goldsboro—Pastor, Elder J. W. Gardner, Goldsboro, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1; clerk, W. H. Evans, Goldsboro, N. C., June 1st, Sunday.

8. Healthy Plains—Pastor, Elder G. W. Boswell, Wilson, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3; clerk, W. F. Boykin, Blackstone, Va., assistant clerk, Hilliard Boykin, Bailey, N. C., August, 2nd Sunday.

9. Lower Black Creek—Pastor, Elder J. D. Fly, Rocky Mount, N. C.; Clerk, R. L. Lucas, Black Creek, N. C., September, 2nd Sunday.

10. Memorial—Pastor, Elder J. B. Roberts, Greenville, N. C.; clerk, Larry Aycock, Fremont, N. C., October 1st Sunday.

11. Mill Branch—Pastor, Elder A. B. Denson, Rocky Mount, N. C.; clerk, E. P. Weaver, Sharpsburg, N. C.; August 1st Sunday.

12. Nashville—Pastor, Elder R. H. Boswell, Wilson, N. C.; clerk, L. G. Edwards, Rocky Mount, R. F. D. No. 2, September, 4th Sunday.

13. New Chapel—Pastor, Elder J. W. Gardner, Goldsboro, N. C., R. F. D., No. 1; clerk, Albert Smith, Goldsboro, N. C., R. F. D. No 1; September, 2nd Sunday.

14. Peach Tree—Pastor, Elder J. T. Williams, Castalia, N. C.; clerk, S. A. Walker, Spring Hope, N. C.; August 2nd Sunday.

15. Pittman's Grove—Pastor, Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C. clerk, Lee Pope, Kenly, N. C.; July, 2nd Sunday.

16. Sandy Grove—Pastor, Elder G. W. Boswell, Wilson, N. C.; clerk J. B. Murray, Middlesex, N. C., August, 1st Sunday.

17. Sappony—Pastor, Elder J. T. Williams, Castalia, N. C.; clerk, J. R. Lindsey, Nashville, N. C.; R. F. D. No. 1, September 3rd Sunday.

18. Scott's—Pastor, Elder S. B. Denny, Wilson, N. C.; clerk, I. A. Lamm, Wilson, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2, October 2nd Sunday.

19. Upper Black Creek—Pastor, Elder G. W. Boswell, Wilson, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3; clerk, Adrian Hooks, Lucama, N. C.; September 4th Sunday.

20. White Oak—Pastor. Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C.; clerk, J. W. Thorne, Wilson, N. C.; August 1st Sunday.

21. Wilson—Pastor, Elder S. B. Denny, Wilson, N. C.; clerk W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.; August, 4th Sunday.

22. Elm City—Pastor, Elder T. H. B. Pridgen, Wilson, N. C.; R. F. D. No. 3; clerk, J. J. Thorne, Elm City, N. C.

23. Little Vine—Pastor, Eld. J. W. Wyatt, Selma, N. C.; clerk, D. M. Morris, Selma, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1; July 2nd Sunday.

MINISTERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION AND THEIR POSTOFFICE

Elder R. H. Boswell ---------- Wilson, N. C.
Elder G. W. Boswell ---------- R. F. D. No. 3, Wilson, N. C.
Elder J. T. Collier ---------- Micro, N. C.
Elder S. B. Denny ---------- Wilson, N. C.
Elder John W. Gardner ---------- Goldsboro, N. C.
Elder T. H. B. Pridgen ---------- R. F. D. No. 3, Wilson, N. C.
Elder J. T. Williams ---------- Castalia, N. C.
Elder J. W. Wyatt ---------- Selma, N. C.
Elder E. L. Cobb ---------- Wilson, N. C.
Elder H. F. Hutchens ---------- Selma, N. C.
Elder W. R. Hines ---------- Wilson, N. C.
Elder Leonard Raper ---------- Lucama, N. C.

LICENTIATES

Brother Joseph Pittman ---------- Micro, N. C.
Brother Johnnie Joyner ---------- Sharpsburg, N. C.

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Church	Clerk	P. O. Address	No. Copies
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2. Beulah	A. B. Atkins	Kenly, N. C.	100
3. Contentnea	F. W. Boswell	Wilson, N. C. R. F. D.	100
4. Creeches	G. G. Creech	Micro, N. C.	50
5. Cross Roads	C. L. Perry, Jr.	Princeton, N. C.	30
6. Dudley	W. H. Burch	Mount Olive, N. C.	15
7. Goldsboro	W. H. Evans	Goldsboro, N. C.	39
8. Healthy Plains	Hilliard Boykin	Bailey, N. C.	55
9. Lower Black Creek	L. D. Mercer	Black Creek, N. C.	90
10. Memorial	Larry Aycock	Freemont, N. C.	100
11. Mill Branch	E. P. Weaver	Sharpsburg, N. C.	50
12. Nashville	L. G. Edwards	Rocky Mount, N. C.	30
13. New Chapel	Albert Smith	Goldsboro, N. C., No. 1.	25
14. Peach Tree	S. A. Walker	Spring Hope, N. C.	20
15. Pittman Grove	Lee Pope	Kenly, N. C.	25
16. Sappony	J. R. Lindsey	Nashville, N. C.,	40
17. Sandy Grove	J. B. Murray	Middlesex, N. C.	70
18. Scotts	I. A. Lamm	Wilson, N. C.	35
19. Upper Black Creek	Thomas Ferrell	Lucama, N. C.	125
20. White Oak	J. W. Thorne	Wilson, N. C.	20
21. Elm City	J. J. Thorne	Elm City, N. C.	20
22. Wilson	W. E. Turner	Wilson, N. C.	75
23. Little Vine	D. M. Morris	Selma, N. C.	10
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Associations	Clerks or Moderators	Address	No. Copies
Contentnea	H. L. Brake	Rocky Mount, N. C.	25
Little River	Elder L. H. Stephenson	Willow Springs, N. C.	25
Seven Mile	W. V. Blackman	Benson, N. C.	10
White Oak	Elder L. E. Bryan	Beulaville, N. C.	15
Upper Country Line	Eld. J. W. Gilliam Jr.	Altamahaw, N. C.	20
Lower Country Line	J. H. Gooch	Stem, N. C.	20
Salem	W. L. Teague	Winston-Salem, N. C.	10
Baltimore	Frank G. Scott	Lutherville, Md.	5
Delaware	J. B. Miller	Newark, Del.	5
Warwick	Elder R. Lester Dodson	Rutherfordton, N. J.	5
Delaware River	Elder C. W. Vaughn	Hopewell, N. J.	5
Abbotts Creek	A. L. Owens	Salisbury, N. C.	15
Mayo	Elder J. A. Fagg	Walnut Cove, N. C.	20
Fishers River	Elder E. P. Stone	Francisco, N. C.	20
Staunton River	Elder W. R. Dodd	Whitmel, Va.	15
Zion	A. M. Jennings	Galax, Va.	15
Black Creek	E. L. Cobb	Wilson, N. C.	100
Kehukee	R. L. Bailey	Robersonville, N. C.	40
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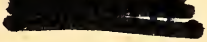

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RULES OF DECORUM

Article 1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Art. 2. The Moderator and the Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 3. Only one persons shall speak at a time who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make a speech.

Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator, till he is done speaking.

Art. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and no wise reflect on the persons who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips or imperfection, but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can, so as to convey his light and ideas.

Art. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

Art. 7. No person shall rise or speak more than three times on one subject without liberty from the Association.

Art. 8. No member of this Association shall have the liberty time of a public speech.

Art. 9. No member of this Association shall address another in any term or appellation than that of brother.

Art. 10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he break the rules of this decorum.

Art. 11. The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association require.

Art. 12. The Moderator shall be the last person who shall speak on the subject, who may give his opinion if he chooses before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be equally divided.

CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE BLACK CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

From a long series of experiences, we, the church of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of the constitution of churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in union. We, therefore, propose to maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

Article 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, duly sent to represent them in this Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose and upon producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat, provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this constitution.

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed, their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, and dead since our last association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall not have any ecclesiastical power of the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the fraternal rights of any church in this union.

Art. 4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

Art. 5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 6. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and messages, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the member the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in this Association by not to exceed three of its members.

Art. 8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read and if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the members who made it.

Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the Minutes of this Association. The best method of effecting the purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

Art. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same for the arising and supporting of which we think it the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this association and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by this Association, who shall be accountable to the Association.

Art. 12. The Minutes of this Association when printed, shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

Art. 13. Amendments of this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, when they may deem it necessary.

Art. 14. The Association shall have power: 1, to provide for the general rule of churches; 2, to preserve inviolably, a chain of communion among the churches; 3, to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4, to inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in this Association; 5, to appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for any Association fund to any purpose strictly connected with this Association; 6, to appoint any members by and with his or their consent to contract any business which they may see necessary; 7, the Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which violates the rules of this Association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion; 8, to admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present at the time of its sitting whom it shall judge necessary; 9, the Association shall have the power to adjourn itself to any furture time or place it may think most conventient to the churches in this Union.

Art. 15. We shall not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or the lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their costoms or parades nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our Association establishing societies for the collecting of money, or who himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible Tract or Sunday School union societies, nor advocate the theological schools, nor any person who does fellowship with them, nor will be hold any such in our churches.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Name of Messengers	Baptised	Rec'd by letter	Restored	Dis. by letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Members	Contribution
Aycock	S. H. Blow, *Thomas Smith, W. L. Minshew	1	0	0	0	0	0	71	$ 8.00
Beulah	Jonah Pittman, J. W. Woodard, L. B. Boyette	0	2	0	0	0	5	93	10.00
Contentnea	D. A. Thompson, Ira Lucas, J. T. Boyette	3	0	0	0	0	3	99	10.00
Cross Roads	C. L. Gurley, *J. W. Brady, *B. P. Parrish	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	5.00
Dudley	W. H. Burch, R. E. Fields	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	2.00
Goldsboro	W. H. Evans, *H. A. Herring, *D. C. Vanhoy	0	0	1	0	0	0	24	5.00
Lower Black Creek	J. E. Mercer, S. P. Strickland, R. L. Lucas	0	0	0	0	0	3	90	8.00
Healthy Plains	D. A. Fulghum, G. C. Coleman, Hilliard Boykin	0	0	0	0	1	0	46	5.00
Memorial	Larry Aycock, J. S. Ware, J. E. Smith	0	0	0	1	0	2	89	8.00
Mill Branch	*E. P. Weaver, S. R. Braswell, John Joyner	2	0	0	0	0	2	45	6.00
Nashville	L. G. Edwards, *D. J. Price, J. H. Whitfield	1	0	0	0	0	4	24	5.00
Peach Tree	*W. C. M. Sykes, W. B. Walker, S. A. Walker	0	0	2	0	0	1	17	3.00
New Chapel	Andrew Gurley, C. A. Sasser, A. J. Smith	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	5.00
Pittman's Grove	Lee Pope, J. T. Evans, R. L. Scott	1	0	0	0	0	1	27	5.00
Scotts	David Bryant, J. H. Williamson, J. W. Ellis	10	0	0	0	5	2	33	5.00
Upper Black Creek	A. L. Hooks, *Jesse Hayes, J. S. Rogerson	18	2	2	0	0	1	129	10.00
White Oak	J. I. Reason, *J. W. Thorne, J. G. Owens	0	0	0	0	0	2	23	6.40
Wilson	J. A. Stephenson, J. B. Barron, W. H. Keaton	1	3	0	1	1	4	77	10.00
Elm City	J. J. Thorne, W. B. Barnes, A. M. Whitehead	0	1	0	0	1	0	19	5.00
Little Vine	Eld. J. W. Wyatt, *L. H. Hill	0	0	0	2	0	0	5	1.00
Sappony	W. M. Cockrell, *C. M. Jones, J. D. Baker	3	0	0	0	0	1	48	6.00
Creeches	J. R. Hare, R. M. Hodge, N. R. Creech	0	0	0	0	0	1	46	6.00
Sandy Grove	J. B. Murray, L. G. Chamblee, H. S. Whitley	0	0	0	0	1	6	64	5.00

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4th. On motion Elder G. W. Boswell was chosen Moderator, and Elder E. L. Cobb was chosen Clerk, who called brother I. A. Lamm to his assistance.

5th. On motion visiting brethren and messengers from sister associations was invited to seats with us.

6th. Elders Jas. S. Corbett and F. W. Keene were appointed to preach this afternoon, using the following texts: J. S. C. Gen. 3rd Chap. 10 to 12 verse, F. W. K. Deut. 33rd Chap. 26 to 30th verse, also Eld. R. W. Gurganus followed them using text Gen. 1st Chap. 2nd and 3rd verse.

7th. Brethren J. B. Murray and J. S. Rogerson were appointed a committee on finance.

8th. Letters from 23 churches composing this assotion were called for and read.

9th. Petitionary letters to join this association were called for, when one came forward from the church at Fremont and was received, fellowship being extended to them by the Moderator.

10th. Called for corresponding messengers from sister associations.

Contentnea—Minutes, Brethren H. L. Brake, G. W. Whitehead and others.

Little River—Minutes, Bro. J. P. Temple and Elder E. F. Pearce and others.

Seven Mile—Minutes, Elder Perry E. Johnson.

White Oak—Minutes, Elders E. F. Pollard, G. W. Gurganus, and Bro. E. J. Scott and others.

Mill Branch—Minutes, Bro. B. M. Fowler.

Baltimore—Minutes—None.

Warwick—Minutes—None.

Delaware—Minutes—None.

Delaware River—Minutes—None.

Lower Country Line—Minutes, Brethren F. D. Long, J. M. O'Bryant, and others.

Upper Country Line—Minutes, Elders M. B. Martin and F. W. Keene.

Salem———Minutes, Elder O. J. Denny, Bro. Teague.

Fisher's River—Minutes—None.

Mayo—Minutes, Elder W. B. Stadler.

Abbotts Creek—Minutes—None.

Zion—Minutes—None.

Pig River—Elds. J. F. Stegall, J. D. Wood, Brother D. C. Wood.

Agreed to rescind the act of our association of last year against the Kehukee association. And we received the following brethren from the Kehukee association as visitors, Elders A. B. Denson, J. S. Corbett, J. L. Ross, and others. We also appointed a committee to visit the Kehukee association and ask for the old correspondence to be renewed. Elders S. B. Denny, R. H. Boswell, Brother W. T. Brantley, Committee.

11th. Appointed our next session of our association to be held with the church at Scott's to commence on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October 1932. The introductory sermon to be preached by Elder E. L. Cobb, and Elder R. H. Boswell to be his alternate.

12th. The following brethren was appointed to visit the sister associations that we correspond with.

Contentnea—Brethren A. M. Whitehead, I. A. Lamm, and Elder T. H. B. Pridgen.

White Oak—Brethren R. L. Scott, J. B. Boswell, W. H. Burch, Elder J. T. Williams.

Little River—Brethren R. L. Scott, W. H. Burch, J. A. Stephenson, Elds. J. T. Williams and L. Raper.

Lower Country Line—Brethren J. B. Murray, W. H. Burch, Elds. J. T. Williams, E. L. Cobb.

Upper Country Line—Bro. W. H. Burch Elders J. W. Wyatt, J. T. Williams.

Seven Mile—Brethren R. L. Scott, J. S. Rogerson, Elder L. Raper.

Mill Branch—Elds. J. W. Wyatt, J. T. Williams, L. Raper.

Baltimore—Elders J. W. Wyatt, J. T. Williams, E. L. Cobb.

Delaware—Elder J. W. Wyatt.

Delaware River—Elder J. W. Wyatt.

Warwick—Elder J. W. Wyatt.

Mayo—Elder J. W. Wyatt.

Staunton River—Elder J. W. Wyatt.

Salem—Elder J. W. Wyatt.

Fisher River—None.

Abbotts Creek—Elder J. W. Wyatt.

13th. The officers of the association together with the deacons of this Church was appointed a committee of arrangements.

14th. Elders Walter Roberts, W. B. Stadler, E. F. Pollard, M. B. Martin were appointed to preach Saturday morning, and they used the following texts, W. R. Ephes. 6:11, W. B. S. Psalms 46:4, E. F. P. Luke 10:21, M. M. B. "Behold what manner a little fire kindleth."

Elders J. D. Wood, J. F. Stegall, Xure Lee, J. L. Ross, A. L. Holloway, W. B. Kearney, were appointed to preach Saturday afternoon, and they used the following texts: J. D. W. Romans, 5:19, 20, 21; J. F. S. Eph. 1:1, 2, 3, 4, 5; E. L. Did not get text; J. L. R., Psalm 133:1; A. L. H. "Jonah paid the fare"; W. B. K. "All that the Father giveth to me shall come to me."

Elders Perry Johnson, A. B. Denson, O. J. Denny, J. D. Fly, Julius Moore, J. B. Roberts, W. F. Grimes, J. C. Smith, E. F. Pearce, L. H. Stephenson were appointed to preach Sunday morning and they used the following texts: P. J. Isaiah 9;6; A. B. D. Gal. 3rd 27-29; O. J. D. Rev. 22nd 3-4-5; J. F. D., Col. 3rd 1-2-3; J. M. Matt. 11th 28-29; J. B. R., Job 28th 4 verses; W. F. G. Job 14:10; J. C. S. Did not get text; E. F. P. Isaiah 9th 6; L. H. Song of Solomon 1st:1.

Elder Joshua Mewborn was present at our association one day and we were glad to have him. He left

before we could preach him. "Come again, dear brother." Elders O. J. Denny and J. F. Stegall preached at the church house in Wilson Friday night and Saturday night.

15th. The messengers of the churches were called for, and those that were not present were marked absent.

16th. The messengers that were appointed last year to visit the sister associations were called on to report, and those that failed to attend were excused.

17th. The committee on finance made the following report:

Received from Churches		$128.75
Paid for minutes	$30.00	
Allowed for Clerk's Services	$15.00	
Given to Visiting Ministers	83.75	
Grand Total	$128.75	$128.75

18th. The report was received and the committee discharged after the money was distributed to the proper ones.

19th. Inasmuch as our business is transacted on Friday it is hereby agreed that any messenger from any church or association who failed to make his report can make it to the Clerk any time during the association and the Clerk is authorized to record same in the minutes.

20th. The Clerk is authorized to have 1500 copies of these minutes printed and distribute them among the churches and associations with whom we correspond with and record one on our books.

21st. Agreed that the constitution and rules of decorum be printed with these minutes.

22nd. The following brethren, E. P. Weaver, Johnnie Joyner, were appointed to preserve order during the services and Sunday.

23rd. Resolved that our thanks be extended to all the brethren and friends of this community and other sections who so kindly prepared for us and entertained us, and that our Moderator give public expression at the close of the association.

24th. Agreed to adopt the letter written by Elder S. B. Denny, and it to be made a part of these minutes.

24th. After reading the minutes and approved the association adjourned to meet again at the time and place appointed for the next session with praise and prayer by the moderator.

ELDER G. W. BOSWELL, Moderator.
ELDER E. L. COBB, Clerk.
BROTHER I. A. LAMM, Asst. Clerk.

THE LETTER.

We, the Black Creek Association, in session with the church at Mill Branch in Nash County, wish to recommend to our messengers and visitors that they go as representatives of the Black Creek Association carrying a message of peace and good will from said association, and that they refrain from taking any part in a local controversy that may arise among our sister associations unless they are instructed to do so by said association.

Therefore, We wish our brethren at home and abroad to know that we do not wish to either send or receive messengers, or correspondents who are disposed to stir up strife and division among us or others; but desire to both send and receive those who labor for the sovereignty of our churches and associations, each to attend to its own affairs without undue intermeddling from others without.

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES AND THE TIME OF HOLDING YEARLY MEETINGS.

1. Aycocks—Pastor, Eld. E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C., Clerk W. L. Minshew, Black Creek, N. C., Sept. 4th Sunday.

2. Beulah—Pastor, Eld. J. T. Collier, Micro, N. C.; Clerk A. B. Atkinson, Kenly, N. C.; J. W. Woodard, Kenly, N. C.; September, 3rd Sunday.

3. Contentnea—Pastor, Elder G. W. Boswell, Wilson, N. C. R. F. D. No. 3; Clerk, F. W. Boswell, Wilson, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3; October, 3rd Sunday.

4. Cross Roads—Pastor, Elder J. W. Gardner, Goldsboro, N. C.; Clerk, C. L. Gurley, Jr., Princeton, N. C., September 4th Sunday.

5. Creeches—Pastor, Elder J. T. Collier, Micro, N. C.; Clerk, G. G. Creech, Kenly, N. C., August, 4th Sunday.

6. Dudley—Pastor, Elder W. R. Hines, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, Carrie Aycock, Fremont, N. C., August, 3rd Sunday.

7. Goldsboro—Pastor, Elder J. W. Gardner, Goldsboro, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1; Clerk, W. H. Evans, Goldsboro, N. C., June 1st, Sunday.

8. Healthy Plains—Pastor, Elder G. W. Boswell, Wilson, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3; Clerk, W. F. Boykin, Blackstone, Va., assistant clerk, Hilliard Boykin, Bailey, N. C., August, 2nd Sunday.

9. Lower Black Creek—Pastor, Elder J. D. Fly, Rocky Mount, N. C.; Clerk J. G. Mercer, Black Creek, N. C., September, 2nd Sunday.

10. Memorial—Pastor, Elder J. B. Roberts, Greenville, N. C.; Clerk, Larry Aycock, Fremont, N. C., October, 1st Sunday.

11. Mill Branch—Pastor, Elder A. B. Denson, Rocky Mount, N. C.; Clerk, E. P. Weaver, Sharpsburg, N. C.; August 1st Sunday.

12. Nashville—Pastor, Elder R. H. Boswell, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, L. G. Edwards, Rocky Mount, R. F. D. No. 2, September, 4th Sunday.

13. New Chapel—Pastor, Elder J. W. Gardner, Goldsboro, N. C.; R. F. D. No. 1; clerk, Albert Smith, Goldsboro, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1; September, 2nd Sunday.

14. Peach Tree—Pastor, Elder J. T. Williams, Castalia, N. C.; Clerk, S. A. Walker, Spring Hope, N. C.; August 2nd Sunday.

15. Pittman's Grove—Pastor, Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C. Clerk, Lee Pope, Kenly, N. C.; July, 2nd Sunday.

16. Sandy Grove—Pastor, Elder G. W. Boswell, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk J. B. Murray, Bailey, N. C., August 1st Sunday.

17. Sappony—Pastor, Elder J. T. Williams, Castalia, N. C.; clerk, N. D. Joyner, Spring Hope, N. C. R. 1, September, 3rd Sunday.

18. Scott's—Pastor, Elder S. B. Denny, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, I. A. Lamm, Wilson, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2, October 1st Sunday.

19. Upper Black Creek—Pastor, Elder G. W. Boswell, Wilson, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3; clerk, Adrian Hooks, Lucama, N. C.; September 4th Sunday.

20. White Oak—Pastor, Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C.; clerk, J. W. Thorne, Wilson, N. C.; August 1st. Sunday.

21. Wilson—Pastor, Elder S. B. Denny, Wilson, N. C.; clerk W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.; August 2nd Sunday.

22. Elm City—Pastor, Elder T. H. B. Pridgen, Lucama, N. C. R. 2.; Clerk, J. J. Thorne, Elm City, N. C.

23. Little Vine—Pastor, Elder J. W. Wyatt, Selma, N. C.; Clerk, L. H. Hill, Selma, N. C.; July 2nd Sunday.

24. Fremont—Pastor, Elder S. B. Denny, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, Sister J. A. Peacock, Fremont, N. C.; September, 3rd Sunday.

MINISTERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION AND THEIR POSTOFFICE

Elder R. H. Boswell ---------- Wilson N. C.
Elder G. W. Boswell ---------- R. F. D. No. 3, Wilson, N. C.
Elder J. T. Collier ---------- Micro, N. C.
Elder S. B. Denny ---------- Wilson, N. C.
Elder John W. Gardner ---------- Goldsboro, N. C.
Elder T. H. B. Pridgen ---------- R. F. D. No. 3, Wilson, N. C.
Elder J. T. Williams ---------- Castalia, N. C.
Elder J. W. Wyatt ---------- Selma, N. C.

Elder E. L. Cobb ---------- Wilson, N. C.
Elder H. F. Hutchens ---------- Selma, N. C.
Elder W. R. Hines ---------- Wilson, N. C.
Elder Leonard Raper ---------- Lucama, N. C.

LICENTIATES

Brother Johnnie Joyner ---------- Sharpsburg, N. C.
Brother N. B. Barnes ---------- Elm City, N. C.
Brother W. E. Turner ---------- Wilson, N. C.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES AND SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

	Church	Clerk	P. O. Address	No. Copies
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2.	Beulah	A. B. Atkins	Kenly, N. C.	100
3.	Contentnea	F. W. Boswell	Wilson, N. C., R. F. D.	100
4.	Creeches	G. G. Creech	Micro, N. C.	50
5.	Cross Roads	C. L. Gurley, Jr.	Princeton, N. C.	30
6.	Dudley	W. H. Burch	Mount Olive, N. C.	15
7.	Goldsboro	W. H. Evans	Goldsboro, N. C.	39
8.	Healthy Plains	Hilliard Boykin	Bailey, N. C.	55
9.	Lower Black Creek	J. G. Mercer	Black Creek, N. C.	90
10.	Memorial	Larry Aycock	Fremont, N. C.	100
11.	Mill Branch	E. P. Weaver	Sharpsburg, N. C.	50
12.	Nashville	L. G. Edwards	Rocky Mount, N. C.	30
13.	New Chapel	Albert Smith	Goldsboro, N. C., No. 1	25
14.	Peach Tree	S. A. Walker	Spring Hope, N. C.	20
15.	Pittman Grove	Lee Pope	Kenly, N. C.	25
16.	Sappony	N. D. Joyner	Spring Hope, N. C.	40
17.	Sandy Grove	J. B. Murray	Bailey, N. C.	70
18.	Scotts	I. A. Lamm	Wilson, N. C.	35
19.	Upper Black Creek	Adrian Hooks	Lucama, N. C.	125
20.	White Oak	E. L. Cobb	Wilson, N. C.	20
21.	Elm City	A. M. Whitehead	Elm City, N. C.	20
22.	Wilson	W. E. Turner	Wilson, N. C.	75
23.	Little Vine	L. H. Hill	Selma, N. C.	10
24.	Fremont	Mrs. J. A. Peacock		6
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Associations	Clerks or Moderators	Address	No. Copies
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Little River	Elder L. H. Stephenson	Willow Springs, N. C.	25
Seven Mile	W. V. Blackman	Benson, N. C.	10
White Oak	Elder L. E. Bryan	Beulaville, N. C.	15
Upper Country Line	Eld. J. W. Gilliam, Jr.	Altamahaw, N. C.	20
Lower Country Line	J. H. Gooch	Stem, N. C.	20
Salem	W. L. Teague	Winston-Salem, N. C.	10
Baltimore	Frank G. Scott	Lutherville, Md.	5
Delaware	J. B. Miller	Newark, Del.	5
Warwick	Elder R. Lester Dodson	Rutherford, N. J.	5

Delaware River—Elder C. W. Vaughn, Hopewell, N. J. ------ 5
Abbott's Creek—A. L. Owens, Salisbury, N. C. ---------- 15
Mayo—Elder J. A. Fagg, Walnut Cove, N. C. ---------- 20
Fisher's River—Elder F. P. Stone, Francisco, N. C. ---------- 20
Staunton River—Elder W. R. Dodd, Whitmel, Va. ---------- 15
Zion—A. M. Jennings, Galax, Va. ---------- 15
Black Creek—E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C.----------100
Kehukee—Elder B. S. Cowin, Williamston, N. C. ---------- 40

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1. Aycocks ---------- 1903-1924
2. Beulah ---------- 1902-1917
3. Contentnea ---------- 1912
4. Creeches ---------- 1913-1929
5. Cross Roads ---------- 1911-1916
6. Dudley ----------
7. Goldsboro ---------- 1888
8. Healthy Plains ---------- 1915
9. Lower Black Creek ---------- 1905-1922
10. Memorial ---------- 1904-1919
11. Mill Branch ---------- 1911-1931
12. Nashville ---------- 1909-1920
13. New Chapel ---------- 1891
14. Peach Tree ---------- 1910
15. Pittman's Grove ---------- 1921
16. Sandy Grove ---------- 1923
17. Sappony ---------- 1926
18. Scott's ---------- 1908
19. Upper Black Creek ---------- 1914-1928
20. White Oak ---------- 1907-1927
21. Wilson ---------- 1906-1930
22. Little Vine ----------
23. Elm City ---------- 1925

RULES OF DECORUM

Article 1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Art. 2. The Moderator and the Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 3. Only one person shall speak at a time who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make a speech.

Art. 4. The persons thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator, till he is done speaking.

Art. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and no wise reflect on the persons who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips or imperfection, but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can, so as to convey his light and ideas.

Art. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

Art. 7. No person shall rise or speak more than three times on one subject without liberty from the Association.

Art. 8. No member of this Association shall have the liberty time of a public speech.

Art. 9. No member of this Association shall address another in any term or appellation other than that of brother.

Art. 10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he break the rules of this decorum.

Art. 11. The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association require.

Art. 12. The Moderator shall be the last person who shall speak on the subject, who may give his opinion if he chooses before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be equally divided.

CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE BLACK CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

From a long series of experiences, we, the church of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of the constitution of churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in union. We, therefore, propose to maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

Article 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, duly sent to represent them in this Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose and upon producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat, provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this constitution.

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed, their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, and dead since our last association.

Art 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall not have any ecclesiastical power of the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the fraternal rights of any church in this union.

Art. 4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

Art. 5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 6. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and messages, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the member the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in this Association by not to exceed three of its members.

Art. 8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read and if there be a majority for it being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

Art. 9.—Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the members who made it.

Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the Minutes of this Association. The best method of effecting the purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

Art. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same for the arising and supporting of which we think it the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this association and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by this Association, who shall be accountable to the Association.

Art. 12. The Minutes of this Association when printed, shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

Art. 13. Amendments of this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, when they may deem it necessary.

Art. 14. The Association shall have power: 1, to provide for the general rule of churches; 2, to preserve inviolably, a chain of communion among the churches; 3, to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4, to inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in this Association; 5, to appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for any Association fund to any purpose strictly connected with this Association; 6, to appoint any members by and with his or their consent to contract any business which they may see necessary; 7, the Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which violate the rules of this Association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion; 8, to admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present at the time of its sitting whom it shall judge necessary; 9, the Association shall have the power to adjourn itself to any future time or place it may think most convenient to the churches of the Union.

Art. 15. We shall not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or the lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our Association establishing societies for the collecting of money, or who himself be collecting money to support

any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible Tract, or Sunday School union societies, nor advocate the theological schools, nor any person who does fellowship with them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Name of Messengers	Baptised	Rec'd by letter	Restored	Dis. by letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Members	Contribution
Aycocks	W. L. Minshew, S. H. Blow, Thomas S. Smith	0	0	0	1	1	4	66	$ 8.00
Beulah	A. B. Atkinson, J. W. Woodard, D. M. Morris	0	0	0	0	0	3	90	10.00
Contentnea	D. A. Thompson, Eld. R. H. Boswell, Offie Smith	0	0	0	0	0	0	99	10.00
Cross Roads	C. L. Gurley, J. W. Brady, J. H. Brady	0	0	0	0	0	1	24	5.00
Dudley	R. E. Fields, W. H. Burch, Walter Crawford*	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	2.00
Goldsboro	W. H. Evans, H. A. Herring*	0	0	0	0	1	1	22	2.00
Lower Black Creek	J. G. Mercer, L. D. Mercer*, R. L. Mercer	1	0	0	0	0	3	87	8.00
Healthy Plains	D. A. Fulghum, G. C. Coleman, Hilliard Boykin	0	0	1	0	0	4	43	5.00
Memorial	Larry Aycock, W. E. Hooks, J. S. Worrell*	0	0	0	1	0	2	86	8.00
Mill Branch	J. H. Adams, Johnnie Joyner, E. P. Weaver	1	0	0	0	0	2	44	6.00
Nashville	J. H. Whitfield, R. H. Whitford, L. G. Edwards*	0	0	0	1	1	1	21	5.00
Peach Tree	W. B. Walker, W. C. M. Sykes*	0	0	0	0	0	1	16	1.50
New Chapel	C. A. Sasser, Andrew Gurley	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	4.25
Pittman's Grove	Lee Pope, J. T. Evans, R. P. Scott	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	5.00
Scott's	David Bryant, S. A. Lamm* J. O. Lamm	1	0	1	0	0	1	40	5.00
Upper Black Creek	W. R. Barnes, J. B. Boswell, J. S. Rogerson	0	0	0	0	2	5	120	10.00
White Oak	J. I. Reason, J. G. Owens*, Sister Metta Herring	2	0	0	0	1	1	23	5.00
Wilson	J. H. Barron, W. H. Keaton, W. E. Turner*	3	0	0	1	2	4	73	10.00
Elm City	W. B. Barnes, J. J. Thorne*, A. M. Whitehead	0	0	0	0	0	1	19	4.00
Little Vine	Eld. J. W. Wyatt, L. H. Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1.00
Sappony	N. D. Joyner, W. E. Cockrell, Richard Baker	1	0	0	0	0	6	44	3.00
Creeches	N. R. Creech, Eld. J. T. Collier, R. M. Hodges	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	3.00
Sandy Grove	J. B. Murray, W. R. Edwards, W. T. Brantley	0	0	0	0	0	2	63	5.00
Fremont	Sisters, Mesdames Sallie F. Aycock, J. A. Peacock, Minnie Hooks	2	5	0	0	0	0	7	3.00
	Grand Total	11	5	2	4	8	42	1103	128.75

MINUTES

OF THE

Fifty-Sixth Annual Session

OF THE

BLACK CREEK

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

SCOTTS

NEAR

TECUMA, N. C.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY and SUNDAY

October 21, 22, 23, 1932

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Proceedings

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21ST., 1932

1st. The services were opened with praise and prayer by Elder R. H. Boswell.

2nd. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder E. L. Cobb, using the following text Isaiah 26:1.

3rd. Conference was opened with praise and prayer by Elder A. B. Denson.

4th. On motion and agreed Elder R. H. Boswell was chosen Moderator, and E. L. Cobb was chosen Clerk, who called Bro. I. A. Lamm to his assistance.

5th. On motion visiting brethren and messengers from Sister Associations were invited to seats with us.

6th. Elders J. S. Corbett, M. F. Westbrook, T. F. Adams were appointed to preach this afternoon, and they used the following texts. J. S. C. Gen. 2:15, 16. W. F. W. Isaiah 48:10, 14. T. F. A. Gal. 3:23,24, 25.

7th. Brethren J. B. Murray and J. S. Rogerson were appointed a committee on finance.

8th. Letters from 24 churches composing this association were called for and read.

9th. Petitionary letters to join this association were called for.

10th. Called for corresponding messengers from sister associations.

Contentnea—Minutes. Elder J. E. Mewborn, Bro. J. F. Brown.

Little River—Minutes. Elder T. F. Adams, Bro. J. P. Tyner and others.

Seven Mile—Minutes. Elder M. F. Westbrook, Brethren C. E. Wood, M. S. Byrd and others.

White Oak—Minutes. Elders W. W. Roberts, L. E. Bryan and others.

Mill Branch—Minutes. Brethren H. Hinson, J. W. King.

Baltimore—Minutes. None.

Warwick—Minutes. None.

Delaware—Minutes. None.
Delaware River—Minutes. None.

Lower Country Line—Minutes. Brethren J. M. O'Bryan, F. D. Long, A. S. Adams and others

Upper Country Line—Minutes. Elders M. B. Martin, F. W. Keene, T. A. Stanfield.

Salem—Minutes. None.
Fisher's River—Minutes. None.
Mayo—Minutes. None.
Zion—Minutes. None.
Pig River—Minutes. None.

Abbott's Creek—Dropped the correspondence until peace is restored.

Kehukee—Minutes. Elders J. S. Corbett, A. B. Denson, J. L. Ross, W. E. Grimes.

11th Appointed the next session of our Association to be held with the church at Contentnea to commence on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October 1933.

The introductory sermon to be preached by Elder E. L. Cobb, and Elder S. B. Denny to be his alternate.

12th. The following brethren were appointed to visit the Associations that we correspond with.

Contentnea—Brethren I. A. Lamm, A. M. Whithead.
White Oak—Elder J. T. Williams, Bro. I. S. Davis.
Little River—Brethren I. A. Lamm, E. L. Cobb.

Lower Country Line—Elders R. H. Boswell, E. L. Cobb, Bro. J. B. Murray.

Upper Country Line—Elders S. B. Denny, R. H. Boswell, J. T. Williams.

Seven Mile—Brethren J. W. Ellis, J. B. Boswell, J. J. Thorne.

Mill Branch—Elders R. H. Boswell, J. T. Williams, Brethren D. A. Thompson, Albert Boswell.

Baltimore—Elders S. B. Denny and E. L. Cobb.
Delaware—Elder S. B. Denny.
Delaware River—None.
Warwick—None.
Mayo—None.
Staunton River—None.
Salem—Dropped correspondence with them.
Fisher's River—None.

Kehukee—Elders T. H. B. Pridgen, Brethren Roscoe Page, E. P. Weaver, D. C. Vanhoy, S. B. Denny.

13th. The officers of this association, together with the deacons of this church were appointed a committee of arrangements.

14th. Elders M. B. Martin, J. L. Ross, J. W. Weaver, W. E. Grimes, were appointed to preach Saturday morning, and they used the following texts. M. B. M. St. John, "I am the way." J. L. R., Rev. 17:2. J. W. W. Matt. 11th chapter. W. E. G., Heb. 11:1.

Elders L. E. Bryan, A. B. Denson, F. W. Keene, J. D. Fly were appointed to preach Saturday afternoon, and they used the following texts: L. E. B. Isaiah 9;6, 7. A. B. D., Romans 8:15, 16. F. W. K. Deut. 29:5 J. D. F. Heb. 1:8.

Elders T. A. Stanfield, O. J. Denny, L. H. Stephenson, W. B. Kearny, T. Sawyer, W. W. Roberts, J. E. Mewborn, J. W. Wyatt, J. C. Moore, Xure Lee, J. B. Roberts, J. C. Smith, E. F. Pierce, were appointed to preach Sunday, and they used the following texts: T. A. S. John 2nd Chap. O. J. D. Rev. 7:1, 2, 3, 4. L. H. S. Hebrews 4:15, 16. W. B. K. 1st Cor. 15:20. T. Sawyer, St. John 3:14. J. E. M. Isaiah 40:15. J. W. W. Luke 12:30 J. C. M. Rev. 3:20. E. Lee Rom. 10:8. J. B. R. "What a word is this." J. C. S. St. John 16 Chap. E. F. P. "Not many mighty are called." W. W. R. Job 1:6, 7, 8.

15th. The messengers of the churches were called on to report, and those that were not present were marked absent.

16th. The messengers that were appointed last year to visit the sister associations were called on to report, and those that failed to attend were excused.

17th. The committee on finance made the following report:

Received from Churches		$112.00
Paid for minutes	$ 30.00	
Allowed Clerk for services	15.00	
Given to visiting ministers	67.00	
Grand total	$112.00	$112.00

There was some $50.00 to $60.00 taken up at the stand on Sunday and given to the ministers, but I did not learn the amount.

18th. The report was received and the committee discharged after the money was distributed to the proper ones.

19th. Inasmuch as our business is all transacted on Friday it is agreed that any messenger from any church or association who failed to make their report, can make it to the Clerk any time during the association, and the Clerk is authorized to record same in the minutes.

20th. The Clerk is authorized to have 1500 copies of these minutes printed, and distribute them among the churches and associations that we correspond with, and record one upon our book.

21st. Agreed that the constitution and rules of decorum be printed with these minutes.

22nd. The following brethren, J. H. Williamson, Coley Scott and Eddie Evans were appointed to preserve order during the services on Saturday and Sunday.

23rd. Resolved that our thanks be extended to all the brethren and friends of this community and other sections who have so kindly prepared for us and entertained us, and that our moderator give public expression at the close of the association.

24th. Agreed to dispense with articles No. 24 in the minutes of last year.

25th. Agreed that Elders S. B. Denny, E. L. Cobb, and Brother I. A. Lamm write a letter of respect for Elder George W. Boswell who passed away since our last sitting of the association, and was the last moderator.

26th. After reading the minutes and approved the association adjourned to meet again at the time and place appointed for the next session of the association, with praise and prayer by the moderator.

Elder R. H. Boswell, Moderator.
Elder E. L. Cobb, Clerk.
Bro. I. A. Lamm, Asst. Clerk.

THE LETTER.

Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst, since the sitting of our last Association, our beloved Moderator and minister of the Gospel, Elder George Boswell, who so faithfully served us to the satisfaction of our brethren and churches, let us bow our heads in humble submission to the will of our God, believing that He is too wise to make any mistakes, or too kind to be unjust, but that He is just in all His ways.

We feel that we have have lost a good moderator, a wise counselor, a faithful and safe minister, who labored for the peace of Zion, believing that God is the author of peace and not confusion, and ask his guiding hand that we who are left may follow the example of our dear Brother Boswell.

S. B. DENNY,
E. L. COBB,
I. A. LAMM.

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES AND THE TIME OF HOLDING YEARLY MEETINGS.

1. Aycocks—Pastor, Eld. E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C., Clerk W. L. Minshew, Black Creek, N. C. 4th Sunday.

2. Beulah—Pastor, Eld. J. T. Collier, Micro, N. C.; Clerk A. B. Atkinson, Kenly, N. C.; J. W. Woodard, Kenly, N. C.; September, 3rd Sunday.

3. Contentnea—No Pastor, Wilson, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3; Clerk, F. W. Boswell, Wilson, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3; October, 3rd Sunday.

4. Cross Roads—Pastor, Elder J. W. Gardner, Goldsboro, N. C.; Clerk, C. L. Gurley, Jr., Princeton, N. C., September 4th Sunday.

5. Creeches—Pastor, Elder J. T. Collier, Micro, N. C.; Clerk, G. G. Creech, Kenly, N. C., August, 4th Sunday.

6. Dudley—Pastor, Elder W. R. Hines, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, Carrie Aycock, Fremont, N. C., August, 3rd Sunday.

7. Goldsboro—Pastor, Elder J. W. Gardner, Goldsboro, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1; Clerk, W. H. Evans, Goldsboro, N. C., June 1st, Sunday.

8. Healthy Plains—No pastor. Clerk, W. F. Boykin, Blackstone, Va., assistant clerk, Hilliard Boykin, Bailey, N. C., August 2nd Sunday.

9. Lower Black Creek—Pastor, Elder J. D. Fly, Rocky Mount, N. C.; Clerk J. G. Mercer, Black Creek, N. C., September, 2nd Sunday.

10. Memorial—Pastor, Elder J. B. Roberts, Greenville, N. C.; Clerk, Larry Aycock, Fremont, N. C., October, 1st Sunday.

11. Mill Branch—Pastor, Elder A. B. Denson, Rocky Mount, N. C.; Clerk, E. P. Weaver, Sharpsburg, N. C.; August 1st Sunday.

12. Nashville—Pastor, Elder R. H. Boswell, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, L. G. Edwards, Rocky Mount, R. F. D. No 2, September, 4th Sunday.

13. New Chapel—Pastor, Elder J. W. Gardner, Goldsboro, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1; Clerk, Albert Smith, Goldsboro, N. C., R. F. D. No 1; September, 2nd Sunday.

14. Peach Tree—Pastor, Elder J. T. Williams, Castalia, N. C.; Clerk, S. A. Walker, Spring Hope, N. C.; August 2nd Sunday.

15. Pittman's Grove—Pastor, Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, Lee Pope, Kenly, N. C.; July, 2nd Sunday.

16. Sandy Grove—No pastor. Clerk J. B. Murray, Bailey, N. C., August, 1st Sunday.

17. Sappony—Pastor, Elder J. T. Williams, Castalia, N. C.; Clerk, N. D. Joyner, Spring Hope, N. C., R. 1, September, 3rd Sunday.

18. Scott's—No pastor. Clerk, I. A. Lamm, Wilson, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2, October, 1st Sunday.

19. Upper Black Creek—No pastor. Clerk, Adrian Hooks, Lucama, N. C.; September, 4th Sunday.

20. White Oak—Pastor, Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. Metta Herring, Walstonburg, N. C., August, 1st Sunday.

21. Wilson—Pastor, Elder S. B. Denny, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk J. B. Barron, Wilson, N. C.; August, 2nd Sunday.

22. Elm City—Pastor, Elder T. H. B. Pridgen, Lucama, N. C. R. 2; Clerk, A. M. Whitehead, Elm City, N. C.

23. Little Vine—Pastor, Elder J. W. Wyatt, Selma, N. C.; Clerk, L. H. Hill, Selma, N. C.; July, 2nd Sunday.

24. Fremont—Pastor, Elder S. B. Denny, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, Sister J. A. Peacock, Fremont, N. C.; September, 3rd Sunday.

MINISTERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION AND THEIR POSTOFFICE

Elder R. H. Boswell ---------- Wilson, N. C.
Elder J. T. Collier ---------- Micro, N. C.
Elder S. B. Denny ---------- Wilson, N. C.
Elder John W. Gardner ---------- Goldsboro, N. C.
Elder T. H. B. Pridgen ---------- R. F. D. No. 3, Wilson, N. C.
Elder J. T. Williams ---------- Castalia, N. C.
Elder E. L. Cobb ---------- Wilson, N. C.
Elder H. F. Hutchens ---------- Selma, N. C.
Elder W. R. Hines ---------- Wilson, N. C.
Elder Leonard Raper ---------- Lucama, N. C.
Elder W. E. Turner ---------- Fayetteville, N. C.

LICENTIATES

Brother Johnnie Joyner ---------- Sharpsburg, N. C.
Brother N. B. Barnes ---------- Elm City, N. C.

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7. Goldsbroo	W. H. Evans	Goldsboro, N. C.	39
8. Healthy Plains	Hilliard Boykin	Bailey, N. C.	55
9. Lower Black Creek	J. G. Mercer	Black Creek, N. C.	90
10. Memorial	Larry Aycock	Fremont, N. C.	100
11. Mill Branch	E. P. Weaver	Sharpsburg, N. C.	50
12. Nashville	L. G. Edwards	Rocky Mount, N. C.	30
13. New Chapel	Albert Smith	Goldsboro, N. C., No. 1	25
14. Peach Tree	S. A. Walker	Spring Hope, N. C.	20
15. Pittman Grove	Lee Pope	Kenly, N. C.	25
16. Sappony	N. D. Joyner	Spring Hope, N. C.	40
17. Sandy Grove	J. B. Murray	Bailey, N. C.	70
18. Scotts	I. A. Lamm	Wilson, N. C	35
19 Upper Black Creek	Adrian Hooks	Lucama, N. C.	125
20. White Oak	E. L. Cobb	Wilson, N. C.	20
21. Elm City	A. M. Whitehead	Elm City, N. C.	20
22. Wilson	J. B. Barron	Wilson, N. C.	75
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White Oak	Elder L. E. Bryan	Beulaville, N. C.	10
Upper Country Line	Eld. J. W. Gilliam, Jr.	Altamahaw, N.C.	20
Lower Country Line	J. H. Gooch	Stem, N. C.	20
Salem	W. L. Teague	Winston-Salem, N. C.	10
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Black Creek	E. L. Cobb	Wilson, N. C.	100
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2. Beulah ---------- 1902-1917.
3. Contentnea ---------- 1912
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5. Cross Roads ---------- 1911-1916
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15. Pittman's Grove ---------- 1921
16. Sandy Grove ---------- 1923
17. Sappony ---------- 1926
18. Scott's ---------- 1908-1932
19. Upper Black Creek ---------- 1914-1928
20. White Oak ---------- 1907-1927
21. Wilson ---------- 1906-1930
22. Little Vine ----------
23. Elm City ---------- 1925

RULES OF DECORUM

Article 1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Art. 2. The Moderator and the Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 3. Only one person shall speak at a time who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make a speech.

Art. 4. The persons thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator, till he is done speaking.

Art. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips or imperfection, but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can, so as to convey his light and ideas.

Art. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

Art. 7. No person shall rise or speak more than three times on one subject without liberty from the Association.

Art. 8. No member of this Association shall have the liberty time of a public speech.

Art. 9. No member of this Association shall address another in any term or appellation other than that of brother.

Art. 10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he break the rules of this decorum.

Art. 11. The names of the several members of this Associa-

tion shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association require.

Art. 12. The Moderator shall be the last person who shall speak on the subject, who may give his opinion if he chooses before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be equally divided.

CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE BLACK CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

From a long series of experiences, we, the church of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of the constitution of churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in union. We, therefore, propose to maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

Article 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, duly sent to represent them in this Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose and upon producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat, provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this constitution.

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed, their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, and dead since our last association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall not have any ecclesiastical power of the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the fraternal rights of any church in this union.

Art. 4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

Art. 5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 6. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and messages, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the member the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in this Association by not to exceed three of its members.

Art. 8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read and if there be a majority for it being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the members who made it.

Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the Minutes of this Association. The best method of effecting the purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

Art. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same for the arising and supporting of which we think it the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this association and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by this Association, who shall be accountable to the Association.

Art. 12. The Minutes of this Association when printed, shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

Art. 13. Amendments of this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, when they may deem it necessary.

Art. 14. The Association shall have power: 1, to provide for the general rule of churches; 2, to preserve inviolably, a chain of communion among the churches; 3, to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4, to inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in this Association; 5, to appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for any Association fund to any purpose strictly connected with this Association; 6, to appoint any members by and with his or their consent to contract any business which they may see necessary; 7, the Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which violate the rules of this Association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion; 8, to admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present at the time of its sitting whom it shall judge necessary; 9, the Association shall have the power to adjourn itself to any future time or place it may think most convenient to the churches of the Union.

Art. 15. We shall not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or the lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds or our Association establishing societies for the collecting of money, or who himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible Tract, or Sunday School union societies, nor advocate the theological schools, nor any person who does fellowship with them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Name of Messengers	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Members	Contribution
Aycocks	Brethren W. L. Minshew, S. H. Blow, Thomas Smith	0	0	0	0	2	1	62	$ 8.00
Beulah	A. B. Atkinson, C. L. Broadwell, J. W. Woodard	2	0	0	1	0	3	88	8.00
Contentnea	D. A. Thompson, Offie Smith, Eddie Nichols	1	0	0	0	0	2	97	10.00
Cross Roads	C. L. Gurley, B. P. Parrish, Andrew Brewer	0	0	0	0	0	3	25	5.00
Dudley	R. E. Fields Carrie Aycock	0	0	0	0	0	1	15	2.00
Goldsboro	W. H. Evans, D. C. Vanhoy, H. A. Hare*	0	0	0	0	0	1	21	2.00
Lower Black Creek	S. P. Strickland, J. G. Mercer, L. D. Mercer	6	0	0	0	0	1	88	6.00
Healthy Plains	D. A. Fulghum, G. C. Coleman, Hillard Boykin	0	0	0	0	0	2	41	5.00
Memorial	Larry Aycock, G. M. Davis, R. L. Hooks	0	0	0	0	0	2	83	6.00
Mill Branch	Johnnie Joyner, S. R. Braswell, E. P. Weaver	0	0	0	0	0	3	41	6.00
Nashville	G. W. Womble, D. J. Price, J. H. Whitfield	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	5.00
Peachtree	S. A. Walker, W. B. Walker*, W. C. M. Sykes	0	0	1	1	0	0	16	1.50
New Chapel	C. A. Sasser, Andrew Gurley	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	3.00
Pittman's Grove	Lee Pope, C. R. Bridgers, J. T. Evans	0	0	0	0	0	1	26	4.00
Scott's	J. W. Ellis, S. A. Lamm, J. H. Williamson	1	0	0	0	0	3	38	5.00
Upper Black Creek	J. S. Rogerson, W. R. Barnes, Barnes Pope	2	0	0	0	1	4	120	8.00
White Oak	J. I. Reason, J. G. Owens, Sister Metta Herring	3	0	1	0	0	2	25	5.00
Wilson	J. F. Batts, W. H. Keaton*, T. D. Thomas*, J. B. Barron	0	1	0	0	0	2	73	5.00
Elm City	A. M. Whitehead, W. B. Barnes, Roscoe Page	1	0	0	0	0	0	19	4.00
Little Vine	No Letter								
Sappony	W. N. Cockrell, Wiley Lamm, N. D. Joyner	3	0	0	0	0	3	45	3.00
Creeches	R. M. Hodge, G. G. Creech, Troy Brown	0	0	0	0	3	1	42	2.50
Sandy Grove	J. B. Murray, J. R. Powell, L. G. Brantley	0	0	0	0	3	1	59	5.00
Fremont	Sisters Sallie F. Aycock, F. G. Davis, Iona Peacock.	2	0	0	0	0	0	9	3.00

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OF THE

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BLACK CREEK

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Memorial

NEAR

FREMONT, N. C.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY and SUNDAY

October 26, 27, 28, 1934

Proceedings

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26th., 1934

1st. The services were opened with praise and prayer by Elder T. H. B. Pridgen.

2nd. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder R. H. Boswell, and from the following text: Tim. 2:15; 4:52.

3rd. Conference was opened with praise and prayer by Elder M. B. Martin.

4th. On motion and agreed Elder R. H. Boswell was chosen Moderator, and Elder E. L. Cobb was chosen Clerk, who called Brother I. A. Lamm to his assistance.

5th. On motion and agreed visiting brethren and messengers from sister Associations were invited to seats with us.

6th. Elders J. S. Corbett, L. A. Johnson, T. F. Adams, A. B. Ayers, were sent to the stand to preach Friday afternoon, and they used the following texts: J. S. C., Eph. 2:8, L. A. J. 2nd Cor. 12:9, T. F. A. St. John 3:3, A. B. A. 1st John 1:8.

7th. Brethren J. B. Murray and J. S. Rogerson were appointed a Committee of Finance.

8th. Letters from 23 churches composing this Association were called for and read.

9th. Petitionary letters to join this Association were called for.

10th. Called for corresponding messengers from sister Associations.

Contentnea—Minutes. Bro. Geo. M. Hardy, Elders W. B. Kearney, Tillman Sawyer.

Little River—Minutes. Elder T. F. Adams, Brethren H. A. Johnson, J. P. Temple.

Seven Mile—Minutes. Elder L. A. Johnson, Bro. A. P. Grice and others.

White Oak—Minutes. Elder R. W. Gurganus, Brethren L. E. Bryan, G. R. Shepherd and others.

Mill Branch—Minutes. Bro. B. M. Fowler.

Baltimore—Minutes. None.

Warwick—Minutes. None.

Delaware—Minutes. None.

Delaware River—Minutes. None.

Lower Country Line—Minutes. Brethren F. D. Long, J. M. O'Bryan.

Upper Country Line—Minutes. Elder M. B. Martin, Bro. W. C. Jones.

Salem—Minutes. Elder D. G. Staples.

Pig River—Minutes. None.

Kehukee—Minutes. Brethren B. F. White, Gus Williams, D. H. Whitfield, and others.

Staunton River—Minutes. None.

Lower Mayo—Minutes. Elder J. W. Wyatt.

New River—Minutes. Bro. J. H. Smith.

11th. Appointed the next session of our Association to meet with the church at Pittman's Grove to commence on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October 1935. The introductory sermon to be preached by Elder R. H. Boswell and Elder E. L. Cobb to be his alternate.

12th. The following brethren were appointed to visit the sister Associations that we correspond with:

Contentnea—Brethren J. B. Braswell, J. R. Exum.

White Oak—Elder J. T. Williams, Brethren J. S. Rogerson, J. B. Braswell.

Little River—Elder J. T. Williams, Brethren Jonah Pittman, G. R. Powell, G. C. Colman.

Lower Country Line—Elders E. L. Cobb, R. H. Boswell, J. T. Williams, Bro. J. B. Murray.

Upper Country Line—Elders R. H. Boswell, J. T. Williams, Bro. J. B. Murray.

Seven Mile—Brethren J. B. Braswell, J. S. Rogerson, J. W. Ellis, J. J. Thorne.

Mill Branch—Elder J. T. Williams, Sister Christian Scott.

Baltimore—None.

Delaware—None.

Delaware River—None.

Warwick—None.

Staunton River—None.

Kehukee—Elder S. B. Denny, Brethren J. S. Rogerson, J. B. Murray.

Lower Mayo—Minutes.

13th. The officers of this Association together with the deacons of this church were appointed a committee of arrangements.

14th. Elders R. W. Gurganus, W. B. Kearney, Tillman Sawyer, J. D. Fly preached Saturday morning from the following texts: R. W. G. John 15:5; W. B. K. Rev. 20:12; T. S. John 1:1-3; J. D. F. Rom. 8:31-32.

Elders D. G. Staples, M. B. Martin, E. F. Pearce, J. W. Wyatt preached Saturday afternoon from the following texts: D. G. S. 1st John 1:3; M. B. M. 1st Cor. 9:9; E. F. P. Isaiah 41:17-18; J. W. W. Rom. 8:22-23.

Elders A. B. Denson, J. B. Roberts, W. C. Jones, W.

Grimes, L. H. Stephenson, Exure Lee, J. E. Mewborn, P. E. Johnson, M. F. Westbrooke, B. S. Cowan, O. J. Denny preached Sunday morning from the following texts: A. B. D. John 10:9-11; J. B. R. 1st Chap. Titus; W. C. J. Acts 4:12; W. G. No text; L. H. S. Did not get text; E. L., Isaiah 40:1-2; J. E. M. 1st. Thes. 4:18; P. E. J., 1st. Cor. 13:9-11; M. F. W., Titus 3:5; B. S. C. Rev. 15:1-3; O. J. D. Rev. 1:10.

Elders L. E. Bryan, J. W. Weaver, and Nordon were present; come again brethren you are welcome.

15th. The messengers of the churches were called on to report and those that were not present were marked absent.

16th. The messengers that were appointed last year to visit sister Associations were called on to report, and those that failed to attend were excused.

17th. The finance committee made the following report:

Received from churches		$131.45
Received from friends		76.90
Paid for minutes	$ 35.00	
Allowed Clerk for services	15.00	
Given to visiting ministers	158.35	
Grand total	$208.35	$208.35

18th. The report was received and the committee discharged after the money was distributed to the proper ones.

19th. Inasmuch as all of our business is transacted on Friday it is agreed that any messenger from any church or Association who failed to make his report, can make it at any time to the Clerk during the Association, and the Clerk is authorized to record same in minutes.

20th. The Clerk is authorized to have 1500 of these minutes printed, and distribute them among the churches and Associations that we correspond with, and record one on our records.

21st. Agreed that the constitution and rules of decorum be printed with these minutes.

22nd. The following brethren: R. L. Hooks, Larry Aycock, H. M. Woodard, were appointed to preserve order during the services Saturday and Sunday.

23rd. Resolved that our thanks be extended to all the brethren and friend of this community and other sections who have so kindly prepared for us and entertained us, and that the Moderator give public expression of the same at the close of the Association.

After reading the minutes and being approved the Association adjourned to meet again at the time and place appointed for the next session of the Association with praise and prayer.

Elder R. H. Boswell, Moderator
Elder E. L. Cobb, Clerk,
Bro. I. A. Lamm, Asst. Clerk.

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES AND THE TIME OF HOLDING YEARLY MEETINGS.

1. Aycocks—Pastor, Eld. E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C., Clerk W. L. Minshew, Black Creek, 4th Sunday.

2. Beulah—Pastor Eld. J. T. Collier, Micro, N. C.; Clerk A. B. Atkinson, Kenly, N. C.; J. W. Woodard, Kenly, N. C.; September, 3rd Sunday.

3. Contentnea—No pastor; Clerk, F. W. Boswell, Wilson, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3; October, 3rd Sunday.

4. Cross Roads—Pastor, Elder J. W. Gardner, Goldsboro, N. C.; Clerk, C. L. Gurley, Jr., Princeton, N. C., September, 4th Sunday.

5. Creeches—Pastor, Elder J. T. Collier, Micro, N. C.; Clerk, G. G. Creech, Kenly, N. C., August, 1st Sunday.

6. Dudley—Pastor, Elder W. R. Hines, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, Carrie Aycock, Fremont, N. C., August, 3rd Sunday.

7. Goldsboro—Pastor, Elder J. W. Gardner, Goldsboro, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1; Clerk, W. H. Evans, Goldsboro, N. C., June, 1st Sunday.

8. Healthy Plains—Pastor Elder R. H. Boswell, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, W. F. Boykin, Blackstone, Va., assistant clerk, Hilliard Boykin, Bailey, N. C., August, 2nd Sunday.

9. Lower Black Creek—Pastor, Elder J. D. Fly, Rocky Mount, N. C.; Clerk J. G. Mercer, Black Creek, N. C., September, 2nd Sunday.

10. Memorial—Pastor, Elder J. B. Roberts, Greenville, N. C.; Clerk, Larry Aycock, Fremont, N. C., October, 1st Sunday.

11. Mill Branch—Pastor, Elder A. B. Denson, Rocky Mount, N. C.; Clerk, E. P. Weaver, Sharpsburg, N. C., August, 1st Sunday.

12. Nashville—Pastor, Elder R. H. Boswell, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, L. G. Edwards, Rocky Mount, R. F. D. No. 2, September, 4th Sunday.

13. New Chapel—Pastor, Elder J. W. Gardner, Goldsboro, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1; Clerk, Albert Smith, Goldsboro, N. C., R.F.D. No. 1; September, 2nd Sunday.

14. Peach Tree—Pastor, Elder J. T. Williams, Castalia, N. C.; Clerk, S. A. Walker, Spring Hope, N. C.; August, 2nd Sunday.

15. Pittman's Grove—Pastor, Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, Lee Pope, Kenly, N. C.; July, 2nd Sunday.

16. Sandy Grove—Pastor, Elder R. H. Boswell, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk J. B. Murray, Bailey, N. C., August, 1st Sunday.

17. Sappony—Pastor, Elder J. T. Williams, Castalia, N. C.; Clerk, N. D. Joyner, Spring Hope, N. C., R. 1, September, 3rd Sunday.

18. Scott's—No pastor. Clerk, I. A. Lamm, Wilson, N. C.; R. F. D. No. 2, October, 1st Sunday.

19. Upper Black Creek—Pastor, Elder J. D.Fly, Rocky Mount, N. C., Clerk, Adrian Hooks, Lucama, N. C.; September, 4th Sunday.

20. White Oak—Pastor, Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C.; clerk, Mrs. Meta Herring, Walstonburg, N. C., August, 1st Sunday.

21. Wilson—Pastor, Elder S. B. Denny, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk J. B. Barron, Wilson, N. C.; August, 2nd Sunday.

22. Elm City—Pastor, Elder T. H. B. Pridgen, Lucama, N. C. R. 2; Clerk, A. M. Whitehead, Elm City, N. C., Oct. 2nd Sunday.

23. Little Vine—Pastor, Elder J. W. Wyatt, Selma, N. C.; Clerk, L. H. Hill, Selma, N. C.; July, 2nd Sunday.

24. Fremont—Pastor, Elder S. B. Denny, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, Sister J. A. Peacock, Fremont, N. C.; September, 3rd Sunday.

MINISTERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION AND THEIR POSTOFFICE

Elder R. H. Boswell ---------- Wilson, N. C.
Elder J. T. Collier ---------- Micro, N. C.
Elder S. B. Denny ---------- Wilson, N. C.
Elder John W. Gardner ---------- Goldsboro, N. C.
Elder T. H. B. Pridgen ---------- R. F. D. No. 3, Wilson, N. C.
Elder J. T. Williams ---------- Castalia, N. C.
Elder E. L. Cobb ---------- Wilson, N. C.
Elder W. R. Hines ---------- Wilson, N. C.
Elder Leonard Raper ---------- Lucama, N. C.
Elder W. E. Turner ---------- Wilson, N. C.
Elder W. B. Barnes ---------- Elm City, N. C.

LICENTIATES

Brother Johnnie Joyner ---------- Sharpsburg, N. C.
Brother J. B. Murray ---------- Middlesex, N. C.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES AND SISTER ASSOCIATIONS.

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1. Aycocks	W. L.Minshew	Black Creek, N. C.	50
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4. Creeches	G. G. Creech	Micro, N. C.	42
5. Cross Roads	C. L. Gurley, Jr.	Princeton, N. C.	23
6. Dudley	W. H. Burch	Mount Olive, N. C.	16
7. Goldsboro	W. H. Evans	Goldsboro, N. C.	23
8. Healthy Plains	Hilliard Boykin	Bailey, N. C.	60
9. Lower Black Creek	J. G. Mercer	Black Creek, N. C.	85
10. Memorial	Larry Aycock	Fremont, N. C.	80
11. Mill Branch	E. P. Weaver	Sharpsburg, N. C.	43
12. Nashville	L. G. Edwards	Rocky Mount, N. C., R.F.D. 2	22
13. New Chapel	Albert Smith	Goldsboro, N. C., R.F.D. No. 1	21
14. Peach Tree	S. A. Walker	Spring Hope, N. C.	16
15. Pittman Grove	Lee Pope	Kenly, N. C.	34
16. Sappony	N. D. Joyner	Spring Hope, N. C.	45
17. Sandy Grove	J. B. Murray	Bailey, N. C.	59
18. Scott's	I. A. Lamm	Wilson, N. C.	30
19. Upper Black Creek	Adrian Hooks	Lucama, N. C.	125
20. White Oak	E. L. Cobb	Wilson, N. C.	28
21. Elm City	A. M. Whitehead	Elm City, N. C.	20

22. Wilson—J. B. Barron, Wilson, N. C. ---------- 80
23. Little Vine—L. H. Hill, Selma, N. C. ---------- 2
24. Fremont—Mrs. J. A. Peacock ---------- 12

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White Oak	Elder L. E. Bryan	Pink Hill, N. C., R.F.D. No. 2	15
Upper Country Line	Eld. J. W. Gilliam, Jr.	Altamahaw,N.C.	20
Lower Country Line	J. H. Gooch	Stem, N. C.	20
Salem	W. L. Teague	Winston-Salem, N. C.	10
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2.	Beulah	1902-1917
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5.	Cross Roads	1911-1916
6.	Dudley	
7.	Goldsboro	
8.	Healthy Plains	1915
9.	Lower Black Creek	1905-1922
10.	Memorial	1904-1919-1934
11.	Mill Branch	1911-1931
12.	Nashville	1909-1920
13.	New Chapel	1891
14.	Peach Tree	1910
15.	Pittmans' Grove	1921
16.	Sandy Grove	1923
17.	Sappony	1926
18.	Scott's	1908-1932
19.	Upper Black Creek	1914-1928
20.	White Oak	1907-1927
21.	Wilson	1906-1930
22.	Little Vine	
23.	Elm City	1925

RULES OF DECORUM

Article 1. This Association will be opened and closed by prayer.

Art. 2. The Moderator and the Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 3. Only one person shall speak at a time who shall rise

from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make a speech.

Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator, till he is done speaking.

Art. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can, so as to convey his light and ideas.

Art. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

Art. 7. No person shall rise or speak more than three times on one subject without liberty from the Association.

Art. 8. No member of this Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whisper in the time of a public speech.

Art. 9. No member of this Association shall address another in any term or appellation other than that of brother.

Art. 10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he break the rules of this decorum.

Art. 11. The names of the members of this Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association require.

Art. 12. The Moderator shall be the last person who shall speak on the subject, who may give his opinion if he chooses before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be equally divided.

CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE BLACK CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

From a long series of experiences, we, the church of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of the constitution of churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in union. We, therefore, propose to maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

Article 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, duly sent to represent them in this Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose and upon producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat, provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in the constitution.

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed, their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, and dead since our last association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall not have any ecclesiastical power of the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the fraternal rights of any church in this union.

Art. 4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

Art. 5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 6. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and messages, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Asso-

ciation and manifested by the Moderator giving the member the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in this Association by not to exceed three of its members.

Art. 8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read and if there be a majority for it being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the members who made it.

Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the Minutes of this Association. The best method of effecting the purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

Art. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same for the arising and supporting of which we think it the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this association and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by this Association, who shall be accountable to the Association.

Art. 12. The Minutes of this Association when printed, shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

Art. 13. Amendments of this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, when they may deem it necessary.

Art. 14. The Association shall have power: 1, to provide for the general rule of churches; 2, to preserve inviolably, a chain of communion among the churches; 3, to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4, to inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in this Association; 5, to appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for any Association fund to any purpose strictly connected with this Association; 6, to appoint any members by and with his or their consent to contract any business which they may see necessary; 7, the Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which violate the rules of this Association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion; 8, to admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present at time of its sitting whom it shall judge necessary; 9, the Association shall have the power to adjourn itself to any future time or place it may think most convenient to the churches of the Union.

Art. 15. We shall not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or the lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our Association establishing societies for the collecting of money, or who himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible Tract, or Sunday School union societies, nor advocate the theological schools, nor any person who does fellowship with them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAME OF MESSENGERS	Baptized	Rec. By Letter	Restored	Dis. By Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Members	Contribution
Aycocks	S. H. Blow, Johnnie Ballance, W. L. Minshew	0	0	0	0	0	5	53	$ 8.00
Beulah	Jonah Pittman, Jesse Bailey, J. W. Bailey	1	0	2	0	5	1	77	10.00
Contentnea	Ira Lucas, J. T. Boyette, Offie Smith	1	0	0	0	0	2	99	10.00
Cross Roads	C. L. Gurley, Andrew Brewer, B. P. Parrish	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	5.00
Dudley	R. E. Fields, Carrie Aycock	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	2.00
Goldsboro	D. C. Vanhoy, B. F. Taylor	0	0	0	1	1	2	14	4.00
Lower Black Creek	Jesse Aycock, S. P. Strickland, L. D. Mercer	1	0	0	0	0	2	85	6.00
Healthy Plains	Hilliard Boykin, D. A. Fulghum, G. C. Colman	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	5.00
Memorial	G. B. Cuddington, R. L. Hooks, Larry Aycock	0	0	0	0	0	3	77	10.00
Mill Branch	J. H. Adams, Johnnie Joyner, E. P. Weaver	0	0	1	0	0	1	43	6.00
Nashville	J. H. Whitfield, G. W. Womble, D. J. Price, L. G. Edwards	0	0	0	0	1	0	20	5.00
Peach Tree	W. C. M. Sykes, W. B. Walker, S. A. Walker	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	1.50
New Chapel	C. A. Sasser, Andrew Gurley, D. A. J. Smith	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	5.00
Pittman's Grove	J. T. Evans, Joe Langly, Lee Pope	3	0	0	0	0	0	34	5.00
Scott's	I. A. Lamm, J. W. Ellis, C. D. Scott	0	0	0	0	0	4	30	5.00
Upper Black Creek	W. R. Barnes, J. R. Exum, Jim Kirby	12	0	0	0	0	5	128	8.00
White Oak	B. F. Moore, J. T. Reason, Sisters Lula Jones, Metta Herring	1	0	0	0	0	2	27	6.00
Wilson	J. B. Barron, J. H. Williamson, J. A. Stephenson	1	0	0	0	0	2	82	5.00
Elm City	J. J. Thorne, Roscoe Page, C. C. Williams	0	0	0	0	0	1	16	4.00
Sappony	W. N. Cockrell, Wiley Lamm, Richard Baker	0	1	0	0	0	3	43	4.00
Creeches	J. R. Hare, J. H. Creech, G. G. Creech	0	0	0	0	0	1	41	8.95
Sandy Grove	J. B. Murray, W. T. Brantley, J. R. Powell	1	0	0	0	0	1	59	5.00
Fremont	I. G. Davis, Etta Flowers, Minnie Hooks, Penina Daniel	3	0	0	0	0	0	12	3.00
Little Vine	No Letter								
	Total	24	1	3	1	7	35	1062	$131.45

MINUTES

OF THE

Fifty-Ninth Annual Session

OF THE

BLACK CREEK

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Pittman's Grove

NEAR

KENLY, N. C.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY and SUNDAY

October 25, 26, 27, 1935

Proceedings

Friday, October 25th., 1935

1st. The services were opened with praise and prayer by Elder E. L. Cobb.

2nd. The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder R. H. Boswell from 1st Kings: 3rd chapt. 5th verse.

3rd. Conference was opened with praise and prayer by Elder E. F. Pearce.

4th. On motion and agreed Elder R. H. Boswell was chosen Moderator and Elder E. L. Cobb was chosen Clerk, who called Brother I. A. Lamm to his assistance.

5th. On motion and agreed visiting brethren and messengers from sister Associations were invited to seats with us.

6th. Elders F. H. Nordan, L. J. Chandler, T. F. Adams, L. A. Johnson were appointed to preach this afternoon, and they used the following texts: F. H. N. Rev. 2:17-19; L. J. C., John 10:1-2; T. F. A., Isaiah 45:22; L. A. J. No text.

7th. Brethren J. S. Rogerson and J. T. Boyette were appointed a Committee of Finance.

8th. Letters from 23 churches composing this Association were called for and read.

9th. Petitionary letters to join this Association were called for.

10th. Called for corresponding messengers from sister Associations.

Contentnea—Minutes. Bro. George M. Hardy and others.

Little River—Minutes. Elders E. F. Pearce and T. F. Adams, and others.

Seven Mile—Minutes. Elders P. E. Johnson and L. A. Johnson.

White Oak—Minutes. Elders T. S. Ketchum, R. W. Gurganus and S. Gray.

Mill Branch—Henry MacMillan.

Baltimore—None.

Warwick—None.

Delaware—Minutes. None.

Delaware River—Minutes. None.

Lower Country Line—Minutes. Elder L. J. Chandlar, Bro. F. D. Long and others.

Upper Country Line—Minutes. Elder M. B. Martin.

Salem—Minutes. Elder D. G. Staples.

Pig River—None.

Kehukee—Minutes. Elder J. S. Corbett, Bro. Augustus Williams.

Staunton River—Minutes. None.

Lower Mayo—Elder J. W. Wyatt.

New River—None.

Abbott's Creek—Minutes. Elder H. S. Williams, Brethren B. I. Harrison, F. Bullock.

11th. Appointed the next session of our Association to meet with the church at Beulah to commence on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October 1936 at 11 o'clock. The introductory sermon to be preached by Elder E. L. Cobb and Elder W. B. Barnes his alternate.

12th. The following brethren were appointed to visit the sister Associations that we correspond with:

Contentnea—Elders W. B. Barnes, T. H. B. Pridgen, Bro. I. A. Lamm.

White Oak—Elders J. T. Williams, L. Raper.

Little River—Elders J. T. Williams, Brethren I. A. Lamm, C. R. Bridgers.

Lower Country Line—Elders E. L. Cobb, W. R. Hines, J. T. Williams.

Upper Country Line—Elder J. T. Williams, Brethren R. L. Scott, C. R. Bridgers.

Seven Mile—Elder J. T. Williams, Brethren R. L. Scott, J. S. Rogerson.

Mill Branch—Elder J. T. Williams.

Baltimore—None.

Delaware—None.

Delaware River—None.

Warwick—None.

Staunton River—None.

Kehukee—Elders R. H. Boswell, L. Raper.

Lower Mayo—Bro. Johnnie Batts.

Abbott's Creek—Elders R. H. Boswell, L. Raper.

13th. The officers of this Association together with the deacons of this church were appointed a committee of arrangements.

14th. Elders R. W. Gurganus, D. G. Staples, M. B. Martin, L. E. Bryan were appointed to preach Saturday morning, and they used the following texts: R. W. G., Psalms 130:3-4; D. G. S., 1st Cor. 15:19; M. B. M., Hag. 2:9; L. E. B., Gen. 2:21-23.

Elders J. S. Corbett, H. S. Williams, Tillman Sawyer, P. E. Johnson were appointed to preach Saturday afternoon, and they used the following texts: J. S. C., 1st John 3:1; H. S. W., Gen. 22:1-12; T. S., Luke 10:21-22; P. E. J., No text.

Elders J. B. Roberts, J. D. Fly, T. A. Stanfield, S. Gray, W. C. Jones, Exure Lee, B. S. Cowin, E. F. Pearce, J. W. Wyatt were appointed to preach Sunday morning, and they used the following texts: J. B. R., 1st John 5th chapt.; J. D. F., Psalms 46:1; T. A. S. 1st. Peter 1:5; S. G., Eph. 2:8; W. C. J., James 1:17; E. L., Tim. 2:2-4; B. S. C., Prov. 31:26; E. F. P. Did not get text; J. W. W., 1st. Sam. 26:19-22.

15th. The mesengers of the churches were called on to report and those that were not present were marked absent.

16th. The messengers that were appointed last year to visit sister Associations were called on to report, and those that failed to attend were excused.

17th. The committee on finance made the following report:

Received from churches		$128.05
Collection from stand		75.00
Paid for minutes	$35.00	
Allowed Clerk for services	15.00	
Given to visiting ministers	153.05	
Grand total	$203.05	$203.05

18th. The report was received and the committee discharged after the money is distributed to the proper ones.

19th. Inasmuch as all of our business is transacted on Friday it is hereby agreed that any messenger from any church or association, who failed to make his report, can make his report to the Clerk at any time during the Association and the Clerk is authorized to record same in our minutes.

20th. The Clerk is authorized to have 1350 of these minutes printed, and distributed among the churches and Associations that we correspond with, and record one on our records.

21st. Agreed that the constitution and rules of decorum be printed with these minutes.

22nd. The following brethren: Lee Pope, J. T. Evans, Joe Langley were appointed to preserve order during the services Saturday and Sunday.

23rd. Agreed that the Moderator select a committee to meet with Elder S. B. Denny and deacons of the Wilson church to discuss their disorder; to meet Saturday morning and report Saturday afternoon at two o'clock.

24th. The following brethren were selected: Elders W. R. Hines and J. T. Williams. Brethren E. P. Weaver, E. T. Smith, C. L. Gurley. Lester Brantley (Alternate).

25th. Resolved that our thanks be extended to all the brethren and friends of this community and other sections who so kindly prepared for and entertained us, and that our Moderator give public expression at the close of the Association.

26th. After reading the minutes and approved the Association adjourned to meet again at the place and time appointed for the next session with praise and prayer by the Moderator.

Elder R. H. Boswell, Moderator
Elder E. L. Cobb, Clerk
Bro. I. A. Lamm, Asst. Clerk.

Saturday Afternoon At Two O'Clock

1st. The messengers of the Association met again in the house to hear the report of the committee. Elder J. T. Williams, being spokesman, made the following report: that they found Elder S. B. Denny in disorder and failed to reach any agreement.

2nd. Motion was made and seconded that the Association withdraw from Elder S. B. Denny and all those that follow him.

3rd. The Association voted to sustain the motion 38 votes to 10 votes.

4th. The church at Fremont asked to withdraw from the Association which was granted.

5th. The Moderator made statement that with proper attitude manifested they would gladly be heard any time.

Elder R. H. Boswell, Moderator
Elder E. L. Cobb, Clerk
Bro. I. A. Lamm, Asst. Clerk.

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES AND THE TIME OF HOLDING YEARLY MEETINGS.

1. Aycocks—Pastor, Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C., Clerk, W. L. Minshew, Black Creek, N. C., Sept. 4th Sunday.

2. Beulah—Pastor, Elder J. T. Collier, Micro, N. C., Clerk, A. B. Atkinson, Kenly, N. C., Sept. 3rd Sunday.

3. Contentnea—Pastor, Elder R. H. Boswell, Wilson, N. C., Clerk, F. W. Boswell, Wilson, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3, Oct. 3rd. Sunday.

4. Cross Roads—Pastor, Elder E. F. Pearce, Princeton, N. C., Clerk, C. L. Gurley, Jr., Princeton, N. C., September 4th Sunday.

5. Creeches—Pastor Elder J. T. Collier, Micro, N. C., Clerk, G. G. Creech, Kenly, N. C., August 1st Sunday.

6. Dudley—Pastor, Elder W. R. Hines, Wilson, N. C., Clerk, Carrie Aycock, Fremont, N. C., August, 3rd Sunday.

7. Goldsboro—No pastor, Clerk W. H. Evans, Goldsboro, N. C., June 1st Sunday.

8. Healthy Plains—Pastor, Elder R. H. Boswell, Wilson, N. C., Clerk, W. F. Boykin, Blackstone, Va., Assistant Clerk, Hilliard Boykin Bailey, N. C., August, 2nd Sunday.

9. Lower Black Creek—Pastor, Elder J. D. Fly, Rocky Mount, N. C., Clerk, J. G. Mercer, Black Creek, N. C., September 2nd Sunday.

10. Memorial—Pastor, Elder J. B. Roberts, Greenville, N. C., Clerk, Larry Aycock, Fremont, N. C., October, 1st Sunday.

11. Mill Branch—Pastor Elder A. B. Denson, Rocky Mount, N. C., Clerk, E. P. Weaver, Sharpsburg, N. C., August 1st Sunday.

12. Nashville—Pastor, Elder R. H. Boswell, Wilson, N. C., Clerk L. G. Edwards, Rocky Mount, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2, September, 4th Sunday.

13. New Chapel—Pastor, Elder W. R. Hines, Wilson, N. C., Clerk, Albert Smith, Goldsboro, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1; September, 2nd Sunday.

14. Peach Tree—Pastor, Elder J. T. Williams, Rocky Mount, N. C., Clerk, S. A. Walker, Spring Hope, N. C., August 2nd Sunday.

15. Pittman's Grove—Pastor Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C., Clerk, Lee Pope, Kenly, N. C., July, 2nd Sunday.

16. Sandy Grove—Pastor, Elder R. H. Boswell, Wilson, N. C., Clerk J. B. Murray, Bailey, N. C., August 1st Sunday.

17. Sappony—Pastor, Elder J. T. Williams, Rocky Mount, N C., Clerk, N. D. Joyner, Spring Hope, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1, September 3rd Sunday.

18. Scott's—Pastor, Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C., Clerk, I. A. Lamm, Wilson, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2, October 1st Sunday.

19. Upper Black Creek—Pastor Elder J. D. Fly, Rocky Mount, N, C., Clerk Adrian Hooks, Lucama, N. C., September, 4th Sunday.

20. White Oak—Pastor, Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C., Clerk, Mrs. Meta Herring, Walstonburg, N. C., August 1st Sunday.

21. Wilson—Pastor, Elder S. B. Denny, Wilson, N. C., Clerk, Mrs. Treacy High, Wilson, N. C., August, 2nd Sunday.

22. Elm City—Pastor Elder T. H. B. Pridgen, Lucama, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2, Clerk, A. M. Whitehead, Elm City, N. C., October, 2nd Sunday.

MINISTERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION AND THEIR POSTOFFICE

Elder R. H. Boswell	Wilson, N. C.
Elder J. T. Collier	Micro, N. C.
Elder T. H. B. Pridgen	Lucama, N. C.
Elder J. T. Williams	Rocky Mount, N. C.
Elder E. L. Cobb	Wilson, N. C.
Elder W. R. Hines	Wilson, N. C.
Elder Leonard Raper	Lucama, N. C.
Elder W. E. Turner	Wilson, N. C.
Elder W. B. Barnes	Elm City, N. C.

LICENTIATES

Brother Johnnie Joyner	Sharpsburg, N. C.
Brother J. B. Murray	Middlesex, N. C.

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5.	Cross Roads	C. L. Gurley, Jr.,	Princeton, N. C.	23
6.	Dudley	W H. Burch,	Mount Olive, N. C.	16
7.	Goldsboro	W. H. Evans,	Goldsboro, N. C.	23
8.	Healthy Plains	Hilliard Boykin,	Bailey, N. C.	60
9.	Lower Black Creek	J. G. Mercer,	Black Creek, N. C.	85
10.	Memorial	Larry Aycock,	Fremont N. C.	80
11.	Mill Branch	E. P. Weaver,	Sharpsburg, N. C.	43
12.	Nashville	L. G. Edwards,	Rocky Mount, N. C., R.F.D.2	22
13.	New Chapel	Albert Smith,	Goldsboro, N. C., R.F.D. 1	21
14.	Peach Tree	S. A. Walker,	Spring Hope, N. C.	16
15.	Pittman Grove	Lee Pope,	Kenly, N. C.	34
16.	Sappony	N. D. Joyner,	Spring Hope, N. C.	45
17.	Sandy Grove	J. B. Murray,	Bailey, N. C.	59
18.	Scott's	I. A. Lamm,	Wilson, N. C.	30
19.	Upper Black Creek	Adrian Hooks,	Lucama, N. C.	125
20.	White Oak	E. L. Cobb,	Wilson, N. C.	28
21.	Elm City	A. M. Whitehead,	Elm City, N. C.	20
22.	Wilson	Mrs. Treacy High		80
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White Oak	Elder L. E. Bryan,	Pink Hill, N. C., R.F.D. No. 2	15
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Lower Country Line	J. J. Whitley,	Durham, N. C.	20
Salem	W L. Teague,	Winston-Salem, N. C.	10
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Warwick	Elder R. Lester Dodson,	Rutherford, N. J.	5
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Stauton River	Elder W. R. Dodd,	Whitmel, Va.	15
Black Creek	Elder E. L. Cobb,	Wilson, N. C.	100
Kehukee	Elder B. S. Cowin,	Williamston, N. C.	40
			300

1.	Aycocks	1903-1924
2.	Beulah	1902-1917
3.	Contentnea	1912-1933
4.	Creeches	1913-1929

5.	Cross Roads	1911-1916
6.	Dudley	
7.	Goldsboro	
8.	Healthy Plains	1915
9.	Lower Black Creek	1905-1922
10.	Memorial	1904-1919-1934
11.	Mill Branch	1911-1931
12.	Nashville	1909-1920
13.	New Chapel	1891
14.	Peach Tree	1910
15.	Pittman's Grove	1921-1935
16.	Sandy Grove	1923
17.	Sappony	1926
18.	Scott's	1908-1932
19.	Upper Black Creek	1914-1928
20.	White Oak	1907-1927
21.	Wilson	1906-1930
22.	Elm City	1925

TRIBUTE

Since the sitting of our last session of the Black Creek Association we have lost by death one of our own beloved ministers, Elder John W. Gardner, who lived among us for over fifty years; serving us as a God-called minister to the honor of His great name, and comfort to His people. He was always welcomed in any gathering his mind led him to attend; was a good counsel, splendid pastor, much beloved by his churches. Such men as Elder Gardner are hard to find these days. He was nearing eighty five years at the time of his passing.

Let us bow our heads in humble submission to our God who is too noble to err, or to do a wrong, and be thankful that such a man lived in our midst.

E. L. COBB, Clerk.

RULES OF DECORUM

Article 1. This Association will be opened and closed by prayer.

Art. 2. The Moderator and the Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 3. Only one person shall speak at a time who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make a speech.

Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator, till he is done speaking.

Art. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can, so as to convey his light and ideas.

Art. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

Art. 7. No person shall rise or speak more than three times on one subject without liberty from the Association.

Art. 8. No member of this Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whisper in the time of a public speech.

Art. 9. No member of this Association shall address another in any term or appellation other than that of brother.

Art. 10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he break the rules of this decorum.

Art. 11. The names of the members of this Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association require.

Art. 12. The Moderator shall be the last person who shall speak on the subject, who may give his opinion if he chooses before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be equally divided.

CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE BLACK CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

From a long series of experiences, we, the church of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of the constitution of churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in union. We, therefore, propose to maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

Article 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, duly sent to represent them in this Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose and upon producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat, provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in the constitution.

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed, their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, and dead since our last association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall not have any ecclesiastical power of the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the fraternal rights of any church in this union.

Art. 4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

Art. 5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 6. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and messages, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the member the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in this Association by not to exceed three of its members.

Art. 8. Every query presented by any member of the Associa-

tion shall be twice read and if there be a majority for it being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the members who made it.

Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the Minutes of this Association. The best method of effecting the purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

Art. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same for the arising and supporting of which we think it the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this association and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by this Association, who shall be accountable to the Association.

Art. 12. The Minutes of this Association when printed, shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

Art. 13. Amendments of this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, when they may deem it necessary.

Art. 14. The Association shall have power: 1, to provide for the general rule of churches; 2, to preserve inviolably, a chain of communion among the churches; 3, to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4, to inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in this Association; 5, to appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for any Association fund to any purpose strictly connected with this Association; 6, to appoint any members by and with his or their consent to contract any business which they may see necessary; 7, the Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which violates the rules of this Association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion; 8, to admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present at the time of its sitting whom it shall judge necessary; 9, the Association shall have the power to adjourn itself to any future time or place it may think most convenient to the churches of the Union.

Art. 15. We shall not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or other lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our Association establishing societies for the collecting of money, or who himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible Tract, or Sunday School union societies, nor advocate the theological schools, nor any person who does fellowship with them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAME OF MESSENGERS	Baptized	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Members	Contribution
Aycocks	W. L. Minshew, E. T. Smith, Johnnie Ballance, Thomas Smith	1	0	0	0	2	2	50	$ 8.00
Beulah	R. G. Pittman, J. W. Bailey, Jonah Pittman	1	2	0	0	0	4	76	10.00
Contentnea	T. R. Smith, Stephen Etheridge, J. T. Boyette	0	0	0	0	1	3	95	10.00
Cross Roads	C L. Gurley, Andrew Brewer*, B. P. Parrish, J. W. Braddy	0	0	0	0	0	1	22	5.00
Dudley	R. E. Fields, C. Sullivan*, Carrie Aycock	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	2.00
Goldsboro	B. F. Taylor*, D. C. Vanhoy, W. H. Evans	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	4.00
Lower Black Creek	Wiley Mathews, S. P. Strickland, J. G. Mercer	2	0	0	0	2	0	83	6.00
Healthy Plains	D A. Fulghum, H. W. Howard, G. C. Coleman	4	0	0	0	0	2	43	5.00
Memorial	N S. Davis, P. H. Barnes*, Larry Aycock	1	0	0	0	0	1	77	8.00
Mill Branch	E P. Weaver, J. H. Adams, B. Viverette	2	0	0	0	0	1	45	6.00
Nashville	J. H. Whitfield, J. W. Whitfield, G. W. Womble*	3	1	0	0	0	2	22	5.00
Peach Tree	W. B. Walker, W. C. M. Sykes*	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	1.50
New Chapel	C. A. Sasser, Andrew Gurley, O. J. Smith	0	0	0	0	0	1	18	4.30
Pittman's Grove	Joe Langley, J. T. Evans, C. R. Bridgers	0	1	0	1	0	0	34	5.00
Scott's	J. B. Barron, I. A. Lamm, J. W. Ellis	0	2	0	0	0	4	29	5.00
Upper Black Creek	Jim Kirby, A. L. Hooks, Eddie Pittman	4	1	0	0	1	3	130	10.00
White Oak	E. L. Cobb, J. I. Reasons, Metta Herring	0	2	0	0	0	0	29	7.25
Sandy Grove	Lester Brantley, L G. Shamblee, W. T. Brantley	2	0	1	0	0	2	60	5.00
Elm City	J. J. Thorne, Roscoe Page, A. Whitehead	0	0	0	0	1	0	15	4.00
Sappony	W. N. Cockrell, J. R. Baker, Wiley Lamm	1	0	0	0	0	1	43	4.00
Creeches	J. H. Creech, Troy Brown, J. E. Creech	0	0	0	2	0	0	39	5.00
Fremont	I. G. Davis, Penina Daniel, Iona Peacock	5	0	0	0	0	1	16	3.00
Wilson	A C. Owens*, T. D. Thomas, J. H. Williamson, J. F. Batts	0	0	0	5	1	2	75	5.00
	Total	26	9	1	8	8	30	1046	$128.05

MINUTES

OF THE

Sixtieth
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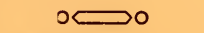
OF THE

BLACK CREEK
Primitive Baptist Association



HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

BEULAH

NEAR

KENLY, N. C.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY and SUNDAY

October 24, 25, 26, 1936

Proceedings

Friday, October 23rd, 1936

1st. The services were opened with praise and prayer by Elder W. B. Barnes.

2nd. The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder E. L. Cobb from 2nd Timothy: 4:2.

3rd. Conference was opened with praise and prayer by Elder A. B. Denson.

4th. On motion and agreed Elder R. H. Boswell was chosen Moderator, and Elder E. L. Cobb was chosen Clerk, who called Brother I. A. Lamm to his assistance.

5th. On motion and agreed visiting brethren and messengers from sister associations were invited to seats with us.

6th. Elders L. A. Johnson, P. E. Johnson, A. B. Ayers were appointed to preach this afternoon, and they used the following texts: L. A. J. Rom. 8:31; P. E. J. Ex. 23:20; A. B. A. Prov. 5:5.

7th. Brethren J. S. Rogerson and J. T. Boyette were appointed a committee on finance.

8th. Letters from 21 churches composing this Association were called for and read.

9th. Petitionary letters to join this Association were called for.

10th. Called for corresponding messengers from sister Associations.

Contentnea—Minutes. Elder W. B. Kearney, Bro. Z. R. Gay, and others.

Little River—Minutes. Brethren G. M. Stewart, R. D. Langdon, J. A. Batten, and others.

Seven Mile—Elders L. A. Johnson, P. E. Johnson, Bro. Junius Johnson, and others.

White Oak—Minutes. Elder E. F. Pollard, Brethren W. B. Houston, C. G. Houston, and others.

Mill Branch—Minutes. Bro. F. C. Wright.

Baltimore—None.

Warwick—None.

Delaware—Minutes. None.

Delaware River—None.

Lower Country Line—Minutes. Brethren F. D. Long, J. M. O'Bryant.

Upper Country Line—Minutes. Elders T. A. Stanfield, M. B. Martin.

Salem—Minutes. Elders D. G. Staples, O. J. Denny.

Pig River—None.

Kehukee—Minutes. Elders W. E. Grimes, A. B. Ayers, Bro. R. B. Denson.

Staunton River—Minutes. None.

Lower Mayo—Elder J. W. Wyatt.

New River—None.

Abbott's Creek—Minutes. Bro. B. I. Harrison.

Smith River—Elder S. L. Moran.

Sulphur Fork—Elder J. C. Sykes.

11th. Appointed the next session of our Association to meet with the church at Healthy Plains to commence on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October 1937 at 11 o'clock. The Introductory sermon to be preached by Elder W. R. Hines and Elder W. E. Turner his alternate.

12th. The following brethren were appointed to visit the sister Associations that we correspond with:

Contentnea—Elder W. B. Barnes, Brethren E. T. Smith, J. T. Ballance.

White Oak—Elder J. T. Williams, Brethren J. B. Boswell, J. R. Exum.

Little River—Elder W. R. Hines, Brethren I. A. Lamm, J. T. Boyette, C. R. Bridgers, J. W. Ellis.

Lower Country Line—Elder E. L. Cobb, Brethren I. A. Lamm, J. B. Murray.

Upper Country Line—Elder R. H. Boswell, Brethren J. B. Murray, J. T. Boyette.

Seven Mile—Brethren J. S. Rogerson, J. B. Boswell, J. W. Ellis, C. R. Bridgers, J. T. Evans.

Mill Branch—Elder J. T. Williams, Brethren J. S. Rogerson, J. B. Boswell.

Baltimore—None.

Delaware—None.

Delaware River—None.

Warwick—None.

Staunton River—None.

Kehukee—Elder J. T. Williams, Brethren J. S. Rogerson, E. P. Weaver.

Lower Mayo—None.

Abbott's Creek—Brethren J. B. Murray, J. W. Ellis, C. L. Gurley.

13th. The officers of this Association together with the deacons of this church were appointed a committee of arrangements.

14th. Elders S. Gray, W. E. Grimes, D. G. Staples, W. B. Kearney, M. B. Martin were appointed to preach Saturday morning, and they used the following texts: S. G., Rom. 5:19; W. E. G., St. John 3:1-3; D. G. S., Psalms 8:3; M. B. M., Rom. 8:3; W. B. K. excused himself.

Elders T. A. Stanfield, L. E. Bryan, R. W. Gurganus, J. W. Wyatt were appointed to preach Saturday afternoon, and they used the following texts: T. A. S., Isaiah 55:8-12; L. E. B., 1st Peter 1:1-5; R. W. G., Heb. 1:1; J. W. W., Luke: "Consider."

Elders J. C. Sykes, J. E. Mewborn, S. L. Moran, B. S. Cowin, O. J. Denny, G. W. Hill, J. B. Roberts, J. R. Smith, E. F. Pollard, Exure Lee, F. W. Rhodes, J. D. Fly were appointed to preach Sunday morning, and they used the following texts: J. C. S., Cor. 1:17-20; J. E. M., 43 Isaiah, few verses; S. L. M., St. John 1:1; B. S. C., Psalms 113:19; O. J. D., St. John 5:24; G. W. H., Rom. 8:1; J. B. R., 23rd Psalm; J. R. S., James 2:4; E. F. P., Matthew 11th chapter; E. L., "Preach The Word"; F. W. R., "Moses stand still," etc.; J. D. F., Rom. 2nd Chapter.

We had other preachers time did not permit to preach. We appreciate your coming.

15th. The messengers of the churches were called on to report and those that were not present were marked absent.

16th. The messengers that were appointed last year to visit sister Associations were called on to report, and those that failed to attend were excused.

17th. The committee on finance made the following report:

Received from churches		$138.35
Collection from stand		52.53
Paid for minutes	$ 35.00	
Allowed Clerk for Services	15.00	
Given to visiting ministers	140.88	
Grand total	$190.88	$190.88

18th. The report was received and the committee discharged after the money was distributed to the proper ones.

19th. Inasmuch as all of our business is transacted on Friday it is hereby agreed that any messenger from any church or Association, who failed to make his report, can make his report to the Clerk at any time during the Association, and the Clerk is authorized to record same on our records.

20th. The Clerk is authorized to have 1500 of these minutes printed and distributed among the churches and Associations we correspond with, and record one on our records.

21st. Agreed that the constitution and rules of decorum be printed with these minutes.

22nd. The following brethren: L. B. Boyette, Gaston Pittman, Stephen and Joe Woodard were appointed to preserve order during the services Saturday and Sunday.

23rd. Agreed to drop the Wilson church from our roll.

24th. Elder S. B. Denny asked to speak. The messengers voted 28 to 3 against it.

25th. Agreed that members in the churches Elder S. B. Denny serves that do not wish to follow him be allowed to go to churches in our Association and be received on confession of faith.

26th. Resolved that our thanks be extended to all the brethren and friends of this community and other sections who so kindly prepared for and entertained us, and that our Moderator give public expression at the close of the Association.

27th. After reading the minutes and approved the Association adjourned to meet again at the place and time appointed for the next session with praise and prayer by the Moderator.

Elder R. H. Boswell, Moderator,
Elder E. L. Cobb, Clerk.
Brother I. A. Lamm, Asst. Clerk.

TRIBUTE.

Since the sitting of our last Association we have lost by death two of our beloved ministers: Elders T. H. B. Pridgen and J. T. Collier. Both of these were held in the highest esteem and were able defenders of Gospel truth; always contending earnestly for the faith once delivered to the Saints. Their services were of many year's duration with love and sweet fellowship, and appreciated wherever they went among the brethren.

Therefore be it resolved that we bow our heads in humble submission to our God, who doeth all things well. That in taking them from our midst, while it saddens our hearts, let us feel our loss is their eternal gain and be as much as it is possible resigned to His will, and pray that He will send others marked with the same Godly character they manifested, and be thankful that such men lived in our Association.

In hope,
E. L. Cobb.

Adopted by the Association.

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6. Dudley—Pastor, Elder W. E. Turner Wilson, N. C., Clerk, Carrie Aycock, Fremont, N. C., August, 3rd Sunday.

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8. Healthy Plains—Pastor, Elder R. H. Boswell, Wilson, N. C., Clerk, W. F. Boykin, Blackstone, Va., Assistant Clerk, Hilliard Boykin, Bailey, N. C., August, 2nd Sunday.

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17. Sappony—Pastor, Elder J. T. Williams, Rocky Mount, N. C., Clerk, N. D. Joyner, Spring Hope, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1, September, 3rd Sunday.

18. Scott's—Pastor, Elder W. E. Turner Wilson, N. C., Clerk, I. A. Lamm, Wilson, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2, October, 1st Sunday.

19. Upper Black Creek—Pastor Elder J. D. Fly, Rocky Mount, N. C., Clerk, Adrian Hooks, Lucama, N. C., September, 4th Sunday.

20. White Oak—Pastor, Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C., Clerk, Mrs. Meta Herring, Walstonburg, N. C., August, 1st Sunday.

21. Elm City—Pastor Elder W. B. Barnes, Wilson, S. C., R. F. D., No. 4, Clerk, A. M. Whitehead, Elm City, N. C., October 2nd Sunday.

MINISTERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION AND THEIR POSTOFFICE

Elder R. H. Boswell ---------- Wilson, N. C.
Elder J. T. Williams ---------- Rocky Mount, N. C.
Elder E. L. Cobb ---------- Wilson, N. C.
Elder W. R. Hines ---------- Wilson, N. C.
Elder Leonard Raper ---------- Lucama, N. C.

Elder W. E. Turner _____ Wilson, N. C.
Elder W. B. Barnes _____ Elm City, N. C.

LICENTIATES

Brother Johnnie Joyner _____ Sharpsburg, N. C.
Brother J. B. Murray _____ Middlesex, N. C.

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6. Dudley	W. H. Burch,	Mount Olive, N. C.	16
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8. Healthy Plains	Hilliard Boykin,	Bailey, N. C.	60
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10. Memorial	Larry Aycock,	Fremont, N. C.	80
11. Mill Branch	E. P. Weaver,	Sharpsburg, N. C.	43
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13. New Chapel	Albert Smith,	Goldsboro, N. C., R.F.D. 1	21
14. Peach Tree	S. A. Walker,	Spring Hope, N. C.	16
15. Pittman Grove	Lee Pope,	Kenly, N. C.	34
16. Sappony	N. D. Joyner,	Spring Hope, N. C.	45
17. Sandy Grove	J. B. Murray,	Bailey, N. C.	59
18. Scott's	I. A. Lamm,	Wilson, N. C.	30
19. Upper Black Creek	Adrian Hooks,	Lucama, N. C.	125
20. White Oak	Mrs. Metta Herring,	Walstonburg, N. C.	28
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Warwick	Elder R. Lester Dodson,	Rutherford, N. J.	5
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1.	Aycocks	1903-1924
2.	Beulah	1902-1917-1936
3.	Contentnea	1912-1933
4.	Creeches	1913-1929
5.	Cross Roads	1911-1916
6.	Dudley	
7.	Goldsboro	
8.	Healthy Plains	1915
9.	Lower Black Creek	1905-1922
10.	Memorial	1904-1919-1934
11.	Mill Branch	1911-1931
12.	Nashville	1909-1920
13.	New Chapel	1891
14.	Peach Tree	1910
15.	Pittman's Grove	1921-1935
16.	Sandy Grove	1923
17.	Sappony	1926
18.	Scott's	1908-1932
19.	Upper Black Creek	1914-1928
20.	White Oak	1907-1927
21.	Wilson	1906-1930
22.	Elm City	1925

RULES OF DECORUM

Article 1. This Association will be opened and closed by prayer.

Art. 2. The Moderator and the Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 3. Only one person shall speak at a time who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make a speech.

Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator, till he is done speaking.

Art. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can, so as to convey his light and ideas.

Art. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

Art. 7. No person shall rise or speak more than three times on one subject without liberty from the Association.

Art. 8. No member of this Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whisper in the time of a public speech.

Art. 9. No member of this Association shall address another in any term or appellation other than that of brother.

Art. 10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he break the rules of this decorum.

Art. 11. The names of the members of this Association shall be enroled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association require.

Art. 12. The Moderator shall be the last person who shall speak on the subject, who may give his opinion if he chooses before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be equally divided.

CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE BLACK CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

From a long series of experiences, we, the church of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of the constitution of churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in union. We, therefore, propose to maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

Article 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, duly sent to represent them in this Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose and upon producing letters from their respective churches, certifying thir appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat, provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in the constitution.

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed, their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, and dead since our last association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shal not have any ecclesiastical power of the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the fraternal rights of any church in this union.

Art. 4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

Art. 5. The Association shal have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 6. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and messages, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the member the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to represensation in this Association by not to exceed three of its members.

Art. 8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read and if there be a majority for it being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the members who made it.

Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the Minutes of this Association. The best method of effecting the purpose shal be at the discretion of the Association.

Art. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have

an association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same for the arising and supporting of which we think it the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this association and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by this Association, who shall be accountable to the Association.

Art. 12. The Minutes of this Association when printed, shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

Art. 13. Amendments of this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, when they may deem it necessary.

Art. 14. The Association shall have power: 1, to provide for the general rule of churches; 2, to preserve inviolably, a chain of communion among the churches; 3, to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4, to inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in this Association; 5, to appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for any Association fund to any purpose strictly connected with this Association; 6, to appoint any members by and with his or their consent to contract any business which they may see necessary; 7, the Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which violates the rules of this Association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion; 8, to admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present at the time of its sitting whom it shall judge necessary; 9, the Association shall have the power to adjourn itself to any future time or place it may think most convenient to the churches of the Union.

Art. 15. We shall not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or other lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our Association establishing societies for the collecting of money, or who himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible Tract, or Sunday School union societies, nor advocate the theological schools, nor any person who does fellowship with them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	CHURCHES	Baptized	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Members	Contribution
Aycocks	S. H. Blow, J. T. Smith, E. T. Smith	0	0	1	0	0	2	49	$ 8.00
Beulah	C. F. Bradwell, J. W. Bailey, L. B. Boyette	0	0	0	0	0	4	69	11.65
Contentnea	T. R. Smith, Albert Boswell, Ira Lucas	0	0	0	0	0	1	95	10.00
Cross Roads	Andrew Brewer, C. L. Gurley, J. W. Braddy*	0	0	0	0	0	2	20	5.00
Dudley	R. E. Fields, Walter Crawford, C. Sullivan	0	0	0	0	0	1	15	2.00
Goldsboro	W. H. Evans, B. L. Taylor, D. C. Vanhoy	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	3.00
Lower Black Creek	Wiley Matthews, S. P. Strickland, L. D. Mercer	3	0	0	0	0	5	82	6.00
Healthy Plains	G. C. Coleman, Hilliard Boykin, D. A. Fulghum	0	0	0	0	0	1	42	5.00
Memorial	H. M. Woodard, G. M. Davis, R. L. Hooks	0	0	0	0	0	6	62	8.00
Mill Branch	B. Viverette, Johnnie Joyner, E. P. Weaver	0	0	1	0	1	1	44	6.09
Nashville	J. H. Whitfield, W. R. Jackson, J. W. Whitfield	0	0	0	0	0	1	21	15.00
Peach Tree	W. C. M. Sykes*, W. B. Walker, S. A. Walker	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	2.00
New Chapel	O. J. Smith, C. A. Sasser	0	0	0	0	0	1	17	5.00
Pittman's Grove	J. T. Evans, Joe Langley*, Thomas Pittman	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	5.00
Scott's	E. C. Evans, I. A. Lamm, J. B. Barron	4	0	0	0	0	0	33	5.00
Upper Black Creek	W. R. Barnes, J. S. Rogerson, F. W. Scott	2	1	1	0	1	4	128	10.00
White Oak	E. L. Cobb, Hardy Reasons*, Sister Minnie Owen*	3	1	0	0	0	1	31	9.50
Sandy Grove	J. B. Murray, L. G. Brantley, W. T. Brantley	3	0	0	0	0	1	62	10.50
Elm City	J. J. Thorne, Roscoe Page, A. M. Whitehead	0	0	0	0	0	1	14	4.00
Sappony	W. N. Cockrell, C. M. Jones, Wiley Lamm	0	0	0	0	1	0	42	4.00
Creeches	Troy Brown, N. R. Creech*, J. H. Creech	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	3.70
	Total	15	2	3	0	3	32	925	$138.35

MINUTES

OF THE

Sixty-First

Annual Session

OF THE

BLACK CREEK

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Healthy Plains

NEAR

BAILEY, N. C.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY and SUNDAY

October 22, 23, 24, 1937

Proceedings

Friday, October 22nd, 1937

1st. The services were opened with praise and prayer by Elder A. B. Denson.

2nd. The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. R. Hines from St. John 1:23.

3rd. Conference was opened with praise and prayer by Elder E. F. Pearce.

4th. On motion and agreed Elder R. H. Boswell was chosen Moderator, and Elder E. L. Cobb was chosen Clerk, who called Brother I. A. Lamm to his assistance.

5th. On motion and agreed visiting brethren and messengers from sister associations were invited to seats with us.

6th. Elders P. E. Johnson, L. A. Johnson, A. B. Denson were appointed to preach this afternoon, and they used the following texts: P. E. J., Matthew 24:28; L. A. J., 1st Cor. 2:9; A. B. D., 1st Peter 1:3-5.

7th. Brethren J. T. Boyette and J. S. Rogerson were appointed a committee on finance.

8th. Letters from 21 churches composing this Association were called for and read.

9th. Petitionary letters to join this Association were called for.

10th. Called for corresponding messengers from sister associations.

Contentnea—Minutes. Bro. Z. R. Gay.

Little River—Minutes. Brethren J. A. Batten, H. A. Johnson.

Seven Mile—Minutes. Elders P. E. Johnson, L. A. Johnson.

White Oak—Minutes. Elder R. W. Gurganus, Brethren C. G. Houston, W. B. Houston.

Mill Branch—Minutes. Bro. F. C. Wright.

Baltimore—Minutes.

Agreed to discontinue sending minutes to associations we do not get any minutes from.

Lower Country Line—Minutes. Bro. Lester Williford, Sisters J. H. Gooch, Otha Goss.

Upper Country Line—Minutes. Elders M. B. Martin, T. A. Stanfield, J. R. Smith.

Salem—Minutes.

Pig River—None.

Kehukee—Minutes. Elder A. B. Denson.

Staunton River—None.

Lower Mayo—Elders J. W. Wyatt, David Spangler.

New River—None.

Abbott's Creek—Brother Farro Bulluck, Sister Bulluck.

Smith River—Minutes. Elders S. L. Moran, B. O. Thompson.

Bear Creek—Elders Oscar Broom, W. C. Edwards.

Agreed to seat the Bear Creek brethren and renew correspondence.

11th. Appointed the next session of our Association to meet with the church at Nashville to commence on Friday before the 4th Sunday in October 1938, at 11 o'clock. The Introductory sermon to be preached by Elder R. H. Boswell and Elder E. L. Cobb his alternate.

12th. The following brethren were appointed to visit the sister associations that we correspond with:

Contentnea—Elders J. T. Williams, W. R. Hines, Brethren J. R. Exum, E. T. Smith.

White Oak—Elders J. T. Williams, W. B. Barnes.

Little River—Elder J. T. Williams, Brethren J. W. Ellis, I. A. Lamm, G. C. Coleman.

Lower Country Line—Elders E. L. Cobb, J. T. Williams, W. B. Barnes, Brethren J. J. Thorne, I. A. Lamm.

Upper Country Line—Elders R. H. Boswell, J. T. Williams, Bro. Hilliard Boykin.

Seven Mile—Elder J. T. Williams, Brethren J. S. Rogerson, I. A. Lamm, J. W. Ellis.

Mill Branch—Elders R. H. Boswell, J. T. Williams, Bro. J. T. Boyette.

Baltimore—Elder E. L. Cobb.

Staunton River—Elder E. L. Cobb.

Kehukee—Elder J. T. Williams, Brethren E. P. Weaver, J. S. Rogerson, J. R. Exum, Roscoe Page.

Lower Mayo—Elders E. L. Cobb, R. H. Boswell.

Abbott's Creek—Elder R. H. Boswell.

Bear Creek—Elders R. H. Boswell, J. T. Williams.

13th. The officers of this Association together with the deacons of this church were appointed a committee of arrangements.

14th. Elders J. W. Wyatt, T. A. Stanfield, David Spangler, M. B. Martin, S. Gray, E. C. Jones were appointed to preach Saturday morning, and they used the following texts: J. W. W. Isaiah 62:6; Ezekiel 3:17; Ezekiel 33:7; T. A. S., Isaiah 28:23-27; D. S.,

Gen. 24:7 and 27; M. B. M., Malachi 3:6; S. G. Did not get text; E. C. J., Rom. 8:14.

Elders L. J. Chandler, W. C. Edwards, S. L. Moran, A. L. Holloway, J. R. Smith were appointed to preach Saturday afternoon, and they used the following texts: L. J. C., Acts 9:3-8; W. C. E., Rev. 19:11; S. L. M., St. John 1:1-3; A. L. H., Rev. 21:1; J. R. S., No text.

Elders R. W. Gurganus, J. A. Herndon, D. G. Staples, Oscar Broom, J. B. Roberts, B. O. Thompson, L. W. Turner, F. H. Nordan, J. D. Fly, G. W. Hill were appointed to preach Sunday morning, and they used the following texts: R. W. G., Heb. 11:4; J. A. H., Gen. 44:28; D. G. S., Psalms 107:2; O. B., Luke 12:51; J. B. R., Rev. 10:2; B. O. T., Isaiah 55:8; L. W. T., Isaiah 53:1; F. H. N., St. John 1:9; J. D. F., Heb. 12:1; G W. H., 1st Peter 5:10.

Elders J. E. Mewborn, Exure Lee, L. E. Bryan, E. F. Pearce were appointed to preach Sunday afternoon, and they used the following texts: J. E. M., Isaiah 53:4; E. L., 1st Tim., 3:16; L. E. B., St. John 18:37; E. F. P., a few remarks.

15th. The messengers of the churches were called on to report and those that were not present were marked absent.

16th. The messengers that were appointed last year to visit sister associations were called on to report, and those that failed to attend were excused.

17th. The committee on finance made the following report:

Received from churches		$134.25
Collection from stand		115.15
Paid for minutes	$ 35.00	
Allowed Clerk for Services	15.00	
Given to Visiting Ministers	199.40	
Grand total	$249.40	$249.40

18th. The report was received and the committee discharged after the money was distributed to the proper ones.

19th. Inasmuch as all of our business is transacted on Friday it is hereby agreed that any messenger from any church or Association, who failed to make his report, can make his report to the Clerk at any time during the Association, and the Clerk is authorized to record same on our records.

20th. The Clerk is authorized to have 1200 of these minutes printed and distributed among the churches

and associations we correspond with, and record one on our records.

21st. Agreed that the constitution and rules of decorum be printed with these minutes.

22nd. The following brethren: G. C. Coleman, D. A. Fulghum, Hilliard Boykin were appointed to preserve order during the services Saturday and Sunday.

23rd. Resolved that our thanks be extended to all the brethren and friends of this community and other sections who so kindly prepared for and entertained us, and that our Moderator give public expression at the close of the Association.

24th. After reading the minutes and approved the Association adjourned to meet again at the place and time appointed for the next session with praise and prayer by the Moderator.

Elder R. H. Boswell, Moderator
Elder E. L. Cobb, Clerk
Brother I. A. Lamm, Asst. Clerk.

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YEARS ASSOCIATION HELD WITH CHURCHES

1.	Aycocks	1903-1924
2.	Beulah	1902-1917-1936
3.	Contentnea	1912-1933
4.	Creeches	1913-1929
5.	Cross Roads	1911-1916
6.	Dudley	
7.	Goldsboro	
8.	Healthy Plains	1915-1937
9.	Lower Black Creek	1905-1922
10.	Memorial	1904-1919-1934
11.	Mill Branch	1911-1931
12.	Nashville	1909-1920
13.	New Chapel	1891
14.	Peach Tree	1910
15.	Pittman's Grove	1921-1935
16.	Sandy Grove	1923
17.	Sappony	1926
18.	Scott's	1908-1932
19.	Upper Black Creek	1914-1928
20.	White Oak	1907-1927
21.	Elm City	1925

RULES OF DECORUM

Article 1. This Association will be opened and closed by prayer.

Art. 2. The Moderator and the Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 3. Only one person shall speak at a time who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make a speech.

Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator, till he is done speaking.

Art. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on

his slips or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can, so as to convey his light and ideas.

Art. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

Art. 7. No person shall rise or speak more than three times on one subject without liberty from the Association.

Art. 8. No member of this Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whisper in the time of a public speech.

Art. 9. No member of this Association shall address another in any term or appellation other than that of brother.

Art. 10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he break the rules of this decorum.

Art. 11. The names of the members of this Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

Art. 12. The Moderator shall be the last person who shall speak on the subject, who may give his opinion if he chooses before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be equally divided.

CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE BLACK CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

From a long series of experiences, we, the church of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of the constitution of churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in union. We, therefore, propose to maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

Article 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, duly sent to represent them in this Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose and upon producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat, provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in the constitution.

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed, their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, and dead since our last association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall not have any ecclesiastical power of the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the fraternal rights of any church in this union.

Art. 4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

Art. 5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 6. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and messages, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the member the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in this Association by not to exceed three of its members.

Art. 8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read and if there be a majority for it being

debated, it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority aganist it, it shall be withdrawn.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the members who made it.

Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the Minutes of this Association. The best method of effecting the purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

Art. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same for the arising and supporting of which we think it the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this association and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by this Association, who shall be accountable to the Association.

Art. 12. The Minutes of this Association when printed, shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

Art. 13. Amendments of this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, when they may deem it necessary.

Art. 14. The Association shall have power: 1, to provide for the general rule of churches; 2, to preserve inviolably, a chain of communion among the churches; 3, to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4, to enquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in this Association; 5, to appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for any Association fund to any purpose strictly connected with this Association; 6, to appoint any members by and with his or their consent to contract any business which they may see necessary; 7, the Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which violates the rules of this Association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion; 8, to admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present at the time of its sitting whom it shall judge necessary; 9, the Association shall have the power to adjourn itself to any future time or place it may think most convenient to the churches of the Union.

Art. 15. We shall not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or other lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our Association establishing societies for the collecting of money, or who himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowshop any member or members of Missionary, Bible Tract, or Sunday School union societies, nor advocate the theological schools, nor any person who does fellowship with them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAME OF MESSENGERS	Rec. by Con. of F.	Baptized	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Members	Contribution
Aycocks	E. T. Smith, S. H. Blow, J. T. Ballance	--	0	1	0	0	1	4	45	$ 8.00
Beulah	J. W. Bailey, L. B. Boyette, Stephen Woodard	--	1	0	0	0	2	2	68	10.00
Contentnea	Ira Lucas, Albert Boswell, T. R. Smith	--	1	0	0	0	0	2	94	10.00
Cross Roads	Andrew Brewer, C. L. Gurley	--	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	5.00
Dudley	Clement Sullivan, Walter Crawford	--	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	2.00
Goldsboro	W. H. Evans, D. C. Vanhoy, B. F. Taylor	--	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	3.00
Lower Black Creek	J. G. Mercer, J. P. Bardin, S. P. Strickland	--	1	1	0	0	0	2	83	7.00
Healthy Plains	G. C. Coleman, D. A. Fulghum, Hilliard Boykin	--	3	1	0	1	0	0	45	5.00
Memorial	N. S. Davis, P. H. Barnes, H. M. Woodard	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	76	8.00
Mill Branch	Johnnie Joyner, B. Viverette, E. P. Weaver	--	2	0	1	0	0	2	45	6.00
Nashville	J. H. Whitfield, W. R. Jackson, J. W. Whitfield	--	0	0	0	0	0	1	20	10.00
Peach Tree	W. C. M. Sykes, W. B. Walker, S. A. Walker	--	0	0	0	0	0	4	12	2.00
New Chapel	C. A. Sasser	--	0	1	0	0	0	0	18	4.00
Pittman's Grove	Joe Langley, J. T. Evans, Thomas Pittman	--	0	0	0	0	0	1	30	5.00
Scott's	J. W. Ellis, C. D. Scott, E. C. Evans	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	34	5.00
Upper Black Creek	F. W. Scott, W. R. Barnes, A. L. Hooks	--	1	0	0	0	1	3	124	10.00
White Oak	Elder E. L. Cobb, Hardy Reasons, Sister Metta Herring	3	7	0	0	1	0	0	40	11.00
Sandy Grove	W. T. Brantley, W. J. Bissette, H. S. Whitley	--	0	0	1	0	1	2	59	11.25
Elm City	J. J. Thorne, Roscoe Page, A. M. Whitehead	--	0	2	0	0	0	1	11	4.00
Sappony	W. N. Cockrell, C. M. Jones, Wiley Lamm	--	0	0	0	0	0	2	40	4.00
Creeches	J. H. Creech, J. R. Hare, N. R. Creech	--	0	0	0	1	0	1	40	4.00
	Total	5	18	7	2	3	6	32	930	$134.25

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OF THE

Sixty-Second Annual Session

OF THE

BLACK CREEK

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Nashville

At

Nashville, N. C.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY and SUNDAY

October 21, 22, 23, 1938

Proceedings

Friday, October 21st, 1938

1st. The services were opened with praise and prayer by Elder E. L. Cobb.

2nd. The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder R. H. Boswell from Matthew 18:11.

3rd. Conference was opened with praise and prayer by Elder Golden Harris.

4th. On motion and agreed Elder R. H. Boswell was chosen Moderator, and Elder E. L. Cobb was chosen Clerk, who called Brother I. A. Lamm to his assistance.

5th. On motion and agreed visiting brethren and messengers from sister associations were invited to seats with us.

6th. Elders L. J. Chandler, A. B. Ayers, Oscar Broom, J. T. Jones were appointed to preach this afternoon, and they used the following texts: L. J. C., No text; A. B. A., Ruth 2:8; O. B., Matthew 10:7; J. T. J. Eph. 2:13.

7th. Brethren J. T. Boyette and J. S. Rogerson were appointed a committee on finance.

8th. Letters from 21 churches composing this Association were called for and read.

9th. Petitionary letters to join this Association were called for.

10th. Called for corresponding messengers from sister Associations.

Contentnea—Minutes. Brethren W. C. Adams, G. W. Whitehead, N. H. Hodges.

Little River—Minutes. Brethren William Keene, H. A. Johnson, J. F. Tyner.

Seven Mile—Minutes.

White Oak—Minutes. Elder R. W. Gurganus, Brother R. D. Brown.

Mill Branch—Minutes. Sister L. L. Wright.

Baltimore—Minutes.

Lower Country Line—Minutes. Elders L. J. Chandler, J. A. Herndon, Brethren F. D. Long, W. D. Yarborough, Lester Williford, A. S. Adams, J. J. Whitley, W. A. Whitfield.

Upper Country Line—Minutes. Elder M. B. Martin.

Salem—Minutes. Elder D. G. Staples.

Kehukee—Minutes. Elders A. B. Ayers, A. B. Denson, Brother O. R. Roberson.

Staunton River—Minutes.

Lower Mayo—Elders R. F. Keaton, W. H. Freeman, J. W. Wyatt.

New River—Elders L. A. Harris, G. P. Harris, Brother J. S. Phillips.

Abbott's Creek—Minutes.

Bear Creek—Minutes. Elders Oscar Broom, J. T. Jones.

11th. Appointed the next session of our Association to meet with the church at Lower Black Creek to commence on Friday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1939, at 11 o'clock. The Introductory sermon to be preached by Elder R. H. Boswell and Elder E. L. Cobb his alternate.

12th. The following brethren were appointed to visit the sister associations that we correspond with:

Contentnea—Brethren E. T. Smith, J. B. Barron, Joe E. Craft.

White Oak—Elder W. B. Barnes, Brethren C. R. Bridgers, Joe E. Craft.

Little River—Elder W. R. Hines, Brethren J. T. Boyette, C. R. Bridgers.

Lower Country Line—Elders W. R. Hines, W. B. Barnes, Brethren I. A. Lamm, Joe E. Craft.

Upper Country Line—Elders R. H. Boswell, J. T. Williams.

Seven Mile—Brethren I. A. Lamm, J. S. Rogerson, C. R. Bridgers.

Mill Branch—Elders R. H. Boswell, J. T. Williams.

Baltimore—None.

Staunton River—None.

Kehukee—Elders R. H. Boswell, E. L. Cobb, Brethren E. P. Weaver, Hilliard Thomas.

Lower Mayo—None.

Abbott's Creek—Elder J. T. Williams, Bro. I. A. Lamm.

Bear Creek—Elders R. H. Boswell, J. T. Williams.

13th. The officers of this Association together with the deacons of this church were appointed a committee of arrangements.

14th. Elders J. W. Wyatt, D. G. Staples, W. H. Freeman, J. A. Herndon, M. B. Martin were appointed to preach Saturday morning, and they used the following texts: J. W. W., John 14:1-6; D. G. S., Isaiah 35:8; W. H. F., 2nd Tim. 4:1-2; J. A. H., Romans 10:10; M. B. M., Psalms 126:3.

Elders R. F. Keaton, R. W. Gurganus, L. A. Harris, W. E. Grimes, R. B. Denson were appointed to preach Saturday afternoon, and they used the following texts: R. F. K., Heb. 10:1; R. W. G., Psalms 19:1-2; L. A. H., Eph. 1:19; W. E. G., Psalms 22:6; R. B. D., Luke 2:7.

Elders G P. Harris, J. B. Roberts, T. F. Adams, T. A. Stanfield, A. B. Denson, J. D. Fly, L. W. Turner were appointed to preach Sunday morning and they used the following texts: G. P. H., Rev. 10:10; J. B. R., Daniel 7:13; T. F. A., Rev. 11:1-2; T. A. S., Isaiah 22:20-25; A. B. D., Romans 8:31-32; J. D. F., Eph. 1:3-5; L. W. T., Prov. 9:1.

Elders B. S. Cowin, G. W. Hill, E. C. Jones, Joshua Mewborn, E. F. Pearce, J. C. Moore, P. E. Johnson, G. G. Trevathan, Edward Moore, Yopps, J. C. Smith were appointed to preach Sunday afternoon, and they used the following texts: B. S. C., Psalms 48:13-14; G. W. H., No Text; E. C. J., John 11:35; J. M., No Text; E. F. P., No Text; J. C. M., No Text; P. E. J., No Text; G. G. T., No Text; E. M., 1st John 1:3; Y., No Text; J. C. S., Left on Saturday and did not come back.

15th. The messengers of the churches were called on to report and those that were not present were marked absent.

16th. The messengers that were appointed last year to visit sister Associations were called on to report, and those that failed to attend were excused.

17th. The committee on finance made the following report:

Received from churches		$133.75
Collection from stand		96.39
Paid for minutes	$ 35.00	
Allowed Clerk for Services	15.00	
Given to Visiting Ministers	178.14	
In hands of Clerk	2.00	
Grand total	$230.14	$230.14

18th. The report was received and the committee discharged after the money was distributed to the proper ones.

19th. Inasmuch as all of our business is transacted on Friday it is hereby agreed that any messenger from any church or association, who failed to make his report, can make his report to the Clerk at any time during the Association, and the Clerk is authorized to record same on our records.

20th. The Clerk is authorized to have 1200 of these minutes printed and distributed among the churches and associations we correspond with, and record one on our records.

21st. Agreed that the constitution and rules of decorum be printed with these minutes.

22nd. The following brethren: Henry Whitfield, Johnnie Whitfield, and G. W. Wombles were appointed to preserve order during the services Saturday and Sunday.

23rd. Resolved that our thanks be extended to all the brethren and friends of this community and other sections who so kindly prepared for and entertained us, and that our Moderator give public expression at the close of the Association.

24th. After reading the minutes and approved the Association adjourned to meet again at the place and time apointed for the next session with praise and prayer by the Moderator.

Elder R. H. Boswell, Moderator
Elder E. L. Cobb, Clerk
Brother I. A. Lamm, Asst. Clerk.

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES AND THE TIME OF HOLDING YEARLY MEETINGS.

1. Aycocks—Pastor, Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, J. T. Ballance, Fremont, N. C.; Sept. 4th Sunday.

2. Beulah—Pastor, Elder E. F. Pearce, Princeton, N. C.; Clerk, A. B. Atkinson, Kenly, N. C.; Sept. 3rd Sunday.

3. Contentnea—Pastor, Elder R. H. Boswell, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk F. W. Boswell, Wilson, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3; October 3rd Sunday.

4. Cross Roads—Pastor, Elder E. F. Pearce, Princeton, N. C.; Clerk, C. L. Gurley, Jr., Princeton, N. C.; September 4th Sunday.

5. Creeches—Pastor, Elder E. C. Jones, Willow Springs, N. C.; Clerk, G. G. Creech, Kenly, N. C.; August 1st Sunday.

6. Dudley—Pastor, Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, Carrie Aycock, Fremont, N. C.; August 3rd Sunday.

7. Goldsboro—No Pastor; Clerk, W. H. Evans, Goldsboro, N. C.; August, 4th Sunday.

8. Healthy Plains—Pastor, Elder R. H. Boswell, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, Hilliard Boykin, Bailey, N. C.; August, 2nd Sunday.

9. Lower Black Creek—Pastor, Elder J. D. Fly, Rocky Mount, N. C.; Clerk, J. G. Mercer, Black Creek, N. C.; September, 2nd Sunday.

10. Memorial—Pastor, Elder J. B. Roberts, Greenville, N. C.; Clerk, H. M. Woodard, Goldsboro, N. C.; October, 1st. Sunday.

11. Mill Branch—Pastor, Elder A. B. Denson, Rocky Mount, N. C.; Clerk, E. P. Weaver, Sharpsburg, N. C.; Aug., 1st. Sunday.

12. Nashville—Pastor, Elder R. H. Boswell, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, J W. Whitfield, Nashville, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2; September, 4th Sunday.

13. New Chapel—Pastor, Elder W. R. Hines, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, Albert Smith, Goldsboro, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1; September, 2nd Sunday.

14. Peach Tree—Pastor, Elder, J. B. Murray, Spring Hope, N. C., Clerk, S. A. Walker, Spring Hope, N. C.; Aug. 2nd. Sunday.

15. Pittman's Grove—Pastor, Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, Lee Pope, Kenly, N. C.; July, 2nd Sunday.

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Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator, till he is done speaking.

Art. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can, so as to convey his light and ideas.

Art. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

Art. 7. No person shall rise or speak more than three times on one subject without liberty from the Association.

Art. 8. No member of this Association shall have the liberty

of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whisper in the time of a public speech.

Art. 9. No member of this Association shall address another in any term or appellation other than that of brother.

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CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE BLACK CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

From a long series of experiences, we, the church of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of the constitution of churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in union. We, therefore, propose to maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

Article 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, duly sent to represent them in this Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose and upon producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat, provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in the constitution.

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed, their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, and dead since our last association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall not have any ecclesiastical power of the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the fraternal rights of any church in this union.

Art. 4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

Art. 5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 6. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and messages, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the member the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in this Association by not to exceed three of its members.

Art. 8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read and if there be a majority for it being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the members who made it.

Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the Minutes of this Association. The best method of effecting the purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

Art. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this association and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by this Association, who shall be accountable to the Association.

Art. 12. The Minutes of the Association when printed, shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

Art. 13. Amendments of this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, when they may deem it necessary.

Art. 14. The Association shall have power: 1, to provide for the general rule of churches; 2, to preserve inviolably, a chain of communion among the churches; 3, to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4, to enquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in this Association; 5, to appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for any Association fund to any purpose strictly connected with this Association; 6, to appoint any members by and with his or their consent to contract any business which they may see necessary; 7, the Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which violates the rules of this Association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion; 8, to admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present at the time of its sitting whom it shall judge necessary; 9, the Association shall have the power to adjourn itself to any future time or place it may think most convenient to the churches of the Union.

Art. 15. We shall not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or other lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customes or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our Association establishing societies for the collecting of money, or who himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible Tract, or Sunday School union societies, nor advocate the theological schools, nor any person who does fellowship with them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAME OF MESSENGERS	Rec. by Con. of F.	Baptized	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Members	Contribution
Aycock's	J. T. Ballance, E. T. Smith, S. H. Blow,* J. T. Smith*	0	1	0	0	0	0	6	42	$ 8.00
Beulah	Stephen Woodard, Jonah Pittman, D. M. Morris	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	63	10.50
Contentnea	Ira Lucas, Albert Boswell, Offie Smith	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	93	10.00
Cross Roads	Andrew Brewer	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	17	4.00
Dudley	Walter Crawford, Clement Crawford	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	15	2.00
Goldsboro	W. H. Evans, B .F. Taylor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	3.00
Lower Black Creek	S. P. Strickland, C. C. Bass, L. D. Mercer	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	87	6.00
Healthy Plains	D. A. Fulghum, Hilliard Boykin, G. C. Coleman	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	46	5.00
Memorial	N. S. Davis, G. B. Cuddington, H. M. Woodard	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	78	8.00
Mill Branch	Johnnie Joyner, B. Viverette, E. P. Weaver	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	39	6.00
Nashville	J. H. Whitfield, W. R. Jackson, J. W. Whitfield	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	21	13.50
Peach Tree	W. C. M. Sykes, W. B. Walker, S. A. Walker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	2.00
New Chapel	C. A. Sasser, A. B. Gurley,*	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	5.00
Pittman's Grove	J. T. Evans, C. R. Bridgers, Joe Langley	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	28	4.00
Scott's	I. A. Lamm, J. B. Barron, Herman Bryant*	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	33	5.00
Upper Black Creek	F. W. Scott, W. R. Barnes, J. S Rogerson	0	1	2	0	0	2	4	121	10.00
White Oak	Joe E Craft, Hilliard Thomas, Elder E. L. Cobb	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	38	9.00
Sandy Grove	Eld. J. B. Murray, W. T. Brantley, H. S. Whitley,* W. J. Bissett	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	63	7.90
Elm City	J. J. Thorne,* Roscoe Page, A. M. Whitfield	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	10	4.00
Sappony	Wiley Lamm, W N. Cockrell, Eld. J. T. Williams	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	42	5.35
Creeches	G. G. Creech, J. H. Creech, W. E. Creech	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	37	5.50
	Total	2	10	9	2	7	4	27	917	$133.75

MINUTES

OF THE

Sixty-Third Annual Session

OF THE

BLACK CREEK

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Lower Black Creek

At

Black Creek, N. C.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY and SUNDAY

October 20, 21, 22, 1939

Proceedings

Friday, October 20th, 1939

1st. The services were opened with praise and prayer by Elder E. L. Cobb.

2nd. The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder R. H. Boswell from Psalms 46:4-5.

3rd. Conference was opened with praise and prayer by Elder J. P. Helms.

4th. On motion and agreed Elder R. H. Boswell was chosen Moderator, and Elder E. L. Cobb was chosen Clerk, who called Brother I. A. Lamm to his assistance.

5th. On motion and agreed visiting brethren and messengers from sister associations were invited to seats with us.

6th. Elders R. W. Gurganus, L. A. Johnson, T. F. Adams and M. F. Westbrook were appointed to preach this afternoon, and they used the following texts: R. W. G., Deut. 32:1-4; L. A. J., Romans 8:1; T. F. A., Psalms 89:14-15; M. F. W., Matt. 14:23-32.

7th. Brethren J. T. Boyette and J. S. Rogerson were appointed a committee on finance.

8th. Letters from 21 churches composing this Association were called for and read.

9th. Petitionary letters to join this Association were called for.

10th. Called for corresponding messengers from sister Associations.

Contentnea—Minutes. Elder W. B. Kearney, T. R. Smith and others.

Little River—Minutes. Elder T. F. Adams, H. A. Johnson, Elder E. F. Fearce, G. M. Stewart and others.

Seven Mile—Minutes. Elders L. A. Johnson, P. E. Johnson, M. F. Westbrook.

White Oak—Minutes. Elder R. W. Gurganus, W. B. Houston and others.

Mill Branch—Minutes. J. F. Harrelson, Sister Cora Harrison, Sister A. L. Wright, Sister Catherine Wright.

Baltimore—None.

Lower Country Line—Minutes. F. D. Long, Elder O. C. Hawkins, J. J. Whitley.

Upper Country Line—Minutes. Elder J. W. Gilliam.

Salem—Minutes. Elder D. G. Staples.

Kehukee—Minutes. Elders R. B. Denson, J. D. Fly and others.

Staunton River—Minutes. None.

Lower Mayo—Elder J. W. Wyatt.

New River—None.

Abbott's Creek—Minutes. Elder A. C. Key, Brother Pharoah Bulluck.

Bear Creek—Elder Oscar Broom, Brother J. F. Edwards.

Pig River—Elder J. P. Helms.

11th. Appointed the next session of our Association to meet with the church at Aycock's to commence on Friday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1940, at 11 o'clock. The Introductory sermon to be preached by Elder E. L. Cobb and Elder Johnnie Joyner his alternate.

12th. The following brethren were appointed to visit the sister associations that we correspond with:

Contentnea—Elders Johnnie Joyner, J. T. Williams, W. R. Hines, Brother E. P. Weaver.

White Oak—Elder J. T. Williams, Brother J. S. Rogerson.

Little River—Elders E. L. Cobb, J. T. Williams, Brethren J. T. Ballance, G. C. Coleman.

Lower Country Line—Elders E. L. Cobb, J. T. Williams, N. S. Davis, Brethren I. A. Lamm, G. C. Coleman.

Upper Country Line—Elders R. H. Boswell, E. L. Cobb, Brethren J. T. Boyette, Hilliard Boykin.

Seven Mile—Elders E. L. Cobb, R. H. Boswell, J. T. Williams, Brethren J. T. Ballance, H. B. Ballance, J. J. Thorne.

Mill Branch—Elder J. T. Williams.

Baltimore—Elder E. L. Cobb.

Staunton River—Elder E. L. Cobb.

Kehukee—Elder N. S. Davis, Brethren J. S. Rogerson, Joe Craft, E. P. Weaver, J. T. Ballance.

Lower Mayo—None.

Abbott's Creek—Elder J. T. Williams.

Bear Creek—Elders J. T. Williams, R. H. Boswell.

Pig River—Elders R. H. Boswell, E. L. Cobb.

13th. The officers of this Association together with the deacons of this church were appointed a committee of arrangements.

14th. Elders J. W. Wyatt, A. C. Key, O. C. Hawkins, D. G. Staples, C. L. Robbins, J. C. Moore were appointed to preach Saturday morning, and they used the following texts: J. W. W., John 14:1-6; A. C. K., 2nd. Tim. 2:7; O. C. H. Fsalms 90:1-2; D. G. S., Isaiah 53:1; C. L. R., Eph. 1:3; J. C. M., Romans 8:24-31.

Elders J. B. Roberts, J. C. Dunbar, Oscar Broom, Hill Edwards, F. W. Rhodes, W. E. Grimes, G. G. Trevathan were appointed to preach Saturday afternoon, and they used the following texts: J. B. R., John 1:4-6; J. C. D., I Kings 3:25-26; O. B., Isaiah 40:11; H. E., Exodus 33:21-23; F. W. R., Eph. 2:8-9; W. E. G., 1st Peter 1:2-3; G. G. T., "I am the way."

Elders J. P. Helms, T. A. Stanfield, J. W. Gilliam, O. J. Denny, Harvey Almond, E. C. Jones, J. D. Fly, J. E. Mewborn, F. E. Hunnicutt, F. H. Nordan were appointed to preach Sunday morning, and they used the following texts: J. P. H., Romans 8:28-29; T. A. S., Esther 4th Chapter; J. W. G., Col. 1:19; O. J. D., Rev. 21:3; H. A., Rev. 22:17; E. C. J., Psalms 103:1; J. D. F., 1st Peter 18:19; J. E. M., Psalms 19:7; F. E. H., Matt. 5:8; F. H. N., Matt 11:28.

Elders G. W. Hill, E. F. Pollard, E. W. Moore, L. E. Bryan, E. F. Pearce, R. B. Denson, B. S. Cowin, L. L. Yopp, Xure Lee, W. B. Kearney, J. C. Smith were appointed to preach Sunday afternoon, and they used the following texts: G. W. H., James 1:17; E. F. P., John 21:21; E. W. M., John 3:5; L. E. B., Ruth 1:16; E. F. P., No text; R. B. D., John 1:1; B. S. C., 1st Sam. 18:1; L. L. Y., Matt. 5:13; X. L., John 5:25; W. B. K., Rev. 12:1; J. C. S., No text.

Elder P. E. Johnson was present Friday, but did not return and therefore did not get to preach.

15th. The messengers of the churches were called on to report and those that were not present were marked absent.

16th. The messengers that were appointed last year to visit sister Associations were called on to report, and those that failed to attend were excused.

17th. The committee on finance made the following report:

Received from churches		$127.75
Collection from stand		88.00
Paid for minutes	$ 35.00	
Allowed Clerk for services	15.00	
Given to visiting ministers	165.75	
Grand Total	$215.75	$215.75

18th. The report was received and the committee discharged after the money was distributed to the proper ones.

19th. Inasmuch as all of our business is transacted on Friday it is hereby agreed that any messenger from any church or association, who failed to make his re-

port, can make his report to the Clerk at any time during the Association, and the Clerk is authorized to record same on our records.

20th. The Clerk is authorized to have 1200 of these minutes printed and distributed among the churches and associations we correspond with, and record one on our records.

21st. Agreed that the constitution and rules of decorum be printed with these minutes.

22nd. The following brethren: J. G. Mercer, L. D. Mercer and R. L. Mercer were appointed to preserve order during the services Saturday and Sunday.

23rd. Resolved that our thanks be extended to all the brethren and friends of this community and other sections who so kindly prepared for and entertained us, and that our Moderator give public expression at the close of the Association.

24th. After reading the minutes and approved the Association adjourned to meet again at the time and place appointed for the next session, with praise and prayer by the Moderator.

Elder R. H. Boswell, Moderator
Elder E. L. Cobb, Clerk
Brother I. A. Lamm, Asst. Clerk.

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES AND THE TIME OF HOLDING YEARLY MEETINGS.

1. Aycock's—Pastor, Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, J. T. Ballance, Fremont, N. C.; Sept. 4th Sunday.
2. Beulah—Pastor, Elder E. F. Pearce, Princeton, N. C.; Clerk, A. B. Atkinson, Kenly, N. C.; Sept. 3rd Sunday.
3. Contentnea—Pastor, Elder R. H. Boswell, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk F. W. Boswell, Wilson, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3; October 3rd Sunday.
4. Cross Roads—Pastor, Elder E. F. Pearce, Princeton, N. C.; Clerk, C. L. Gurley, Jr., Princeton, N. C.; September 4th Sunday.
5. Creeches—Pastor, Elder E. C. Jones, Willow Springs, N. C.; Clerk, G. G. Creech, Kenly, N. C.; August 1st Sunday.
6. Dudley—Pastor, Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, Carrie Aycock, Fremont, N. C.; August 3rd Sunday.
7. Goldsboro—Pastor, Elder L. E. Bryan, Pink Hill, N. C.; Clerk, W. H. Evans, Goldsboro, N. C.; August, 4th Sunday.
8. Healthy Plains—Pastor, Elder R. H. Boswell, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, Hilliard Boykin, Bailey, N. C.; August, 2nd Sunday.
9. Lower Black Creek—Pastor, Elder J. D. Fly, Rocky Mount, N. C.; Clerk, J. G. Mercer, Black Creek, N. C.; September, 2nd Sunday.
10. Memorial—Pastor, Elder J. B. Roberts, Greenville, N. C.; Clerk, H. M. Woodard, Goldsboro, N. C.; October, 1st Sunday.
11. Mill Branch—Pastor, Elder A. B. Denson, Rocky Mount, N. C.; Clerk, E. P. Weaver, Sharpsburg, N. C.; Aug. 1st Sunday.
12. Nashville—Pastor, Elder R. H. Boswell, Wilson, N. C.;

Clerk, J. W. Whitfield, Nashville, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2; September, 4th Sunday.

13. New Chapel—Pastor, Elder W. R. Hines, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, Albert Smith, Goldsboro, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1; September, 2nd Sunday.

14. Peach Tree—Pastor, Elder J. B. Murray, Spring Hope, N. C.; Clerk, S. A. Walker, Spring Hope, N. C.; Aug. 2nd Sunday.

15. Pittman's Grove—Pastor, Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, Lee Pope, Kenly, N. C.; July, 2nd Sunday.

16. Sandy Grove—No Pastor; Clerk, L. G. Brantley, Spring Hope, N. C.; August, 1st Sunday.

17. Sappony—Pastor, Elder J. T. Williams, Rocky Mount, N. C.; Clerk, J. B. Williams, Rocky Mount, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1; September, 3rd Sunday.

18. Scott's—Pastor, Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, I. A. Lamm, Princeton, N. C.; October, 1st Sunday.

19. Upper Black Creek—Pastor, Elder J. D. Fly, Rocky Mount, N. C.; Clerk, Adrian Hooks, Lucama, N. C.; September, 4th Sunday.

20. White Oak—Pastor, Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, Mrs. Metta Herring, Walstonburg, N. C.; August, 1st Sunday.

21. Elm City—Pastor, Elder W. B. Barnes, Walstonburg, N. C., R. F. D. 1; Clerk, J. J. Thorne, Elm City, N. C.; October, 2nd Sunday.

MINISTERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION AND THEIR POSTOFFICE

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4.	Creeches	G. G. Creech	Micro, N. C.	35
5.	Cross Roads	C. L. Gurley, Jr.	Princeton, N. C.	20
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STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAME OF MESSENGERS	Rec. by Con. of F.	Baptized	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Members	Contribution
Aycock's	E. T. Smith, J. R. Hooks, J. T. Ballance	0	6	0	0	0	0	1	46	$ 8.00
Beulah	Stephen Woodard, Jonah Pittman, S. W. Woodard	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	60	10.00
Contentnea	T. R. Smith, J. T. Boyette, Albert Boswell	0	0	2	0	1	0	3	91	10.00
Cross Roads	Andrew Brewer, Sister Hattie Gurley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	3.00
Dudley	Walter Crawford, Clement Sullivan*	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	13	3.00
Goldsboro	W. H. Evans, B. F. Taylor*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	3.00
Lower Black Creek	S. P. Strickland, L. D. Mercer, J. P. Bardin	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	86	6.00
Healthy Plains	Hilliard Boykin, G. C. Coleman, William Hilliard	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	5.00
Memorial	H. M. Woodard, Elder N. S. Davis, P. H. Barnes*	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	64	8.00
Mill Branch	B. Viverette, Elder Johnnie Joyner, E. P. Weaver	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	6.00
Nashville	A. T. Griffin, J. H. Whitfield, Jesse Pridgen	0	0	5	0	0	0	1	25	6.75
Peach Tree	W. C. M. Sykes,* W. B. Walker,* S. A. Walker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	2.00
New Chapel	C. A. Sasser, A. D. Gurley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	5.00
Pittman's Grove	Lee Pope, Joe Langley, J. T. Evans	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	31	4.00
Scott's	I. A. Lamm, E. C. Evans, J. B. Barron	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	5.00
Upper Black Creek	W. B. Barnes, Elijah Scott, O. L. Hooks	0	1	2	1	1	1	2	119	10.00
White Oak	Joe Craft, J. G. Baum, Hilliard Thomas	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	37	10.00
Sandy Grove	W. T. Brantley, W. J. Bissette	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	58	10.00
Elm City	Roscoe Page, J. J. Thorne	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	4.00
Sappony	Elder J. T. Williams, W. N. Cockrell, Wiley Lamm*	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	40	4.00
Creeches	G. G. Creech, J. H. Creech, John Whitley	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	37	5.00
	Total	1	9	11	3	4	4	21	896	$127.75

MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTY-SIXTH

ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Black Creek Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Sappony

NASHVILLE, N. C.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY and SUNDAY

October 23, 24, 25, 1942

Proceedings

Friday, October 23rd, 1942

1st. The Services were opened with praise and prayer by Elder E. L. Cobb.

2nd. The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. T. Williams from Romans 9th. 7-15 verses.

3rd. Conference was opened with praise and prayer by Elder D. G. Staples.

4th. On motion and agreed Elder E. L. Cobb was chosen Moderator, and Elder W. E. Turner was chosen Clerk, who called Brother I. A. Lamm as assistant.

5th. On motion and agreed brethen and messengers from sister Associations were invited to seats with us.

6th. Elders Lester E. Lee, L. A. Johnson and C. L. Robbins were appointed to preach this afternoon, and they used the following texts: L. E. L.—no text, L. A. J. did not get text; and C. L. R.—John 10th. Chapter—My sheep hear my voice.

7th. Brethren J. S. Rogerson, J. T. Boyette and E. T. Smith were appointed a committee on finance.

8th. Letters from 21 churches composing this Association were called for and read.

9th. Petitionary letters to join this Association were called for and read.

10th. Called for corresponding messengers from sister Associations.

Contentnea:—Minutes. M. O. Speight, Elder W. B. Kearney, Elder G. G. Trevathan, and others.

Little River — Minutes. H. A. Johnson, J. R. Thompson, J. P. Tyner, L. J. Peedin, and Elder E. F. Pearce.

Seven Mile—Minutes. Elder Lester Lee, W. J. Tew, and Elder L. A. Johnson.

White Oak—Minutes. Elder E. F. Pollard, and Elder L. L. Yopp.

Mill Branch—Minutes. Sister Wright.

Baltimore—None.

Lower County Line—Minutes. J. J. Whitley, Lester Williford and F. D. Long.

Upper County Line—Minutes.

Salem—Elder D. G. Staples, B. C. Clinard.

Kehukee—Minutes. Elder A. B. Denson, Augusta Williamson, Elder R. B. Denson.

Lower Mayo—Elder W. H. Freeman.

New River—None.

Abbott's Creek—None.

Bear Creek—

Pig River—None.

Stanton River—None.

11th. Appointed the next session of our Association to be held with the church at Sandy Grove to Commence on Friday the 4th. Sunday in October 1943 at 11 o'clock. The Introductory sermon to be preached by Elder W. E. Turner and Elder J. T. Williams his alternate.

12th. The following brethren were appointed to visit the sister associations that we correspond with.

Contennea—Elder W. B. Barnes, Joe Craft.

White Oak—Elder W. B. Barnes, Elder J. T. Williams.

Little River—W. A. Parrish, J. E. Creech, J. T. Williams.

Lower County Line—J. T. Boyette, Elder E. L. Cobb, G. C. Coleman.

Upper County Line—Elder E. L. Cobb, H. T. Thomas.

Seven Mile—Elder J. T. Williams, E. T. Smith.

Mill Branch—Elder J. T. Williams.

Baltimore—None.

Stanton River—None.

Kehukee—J. T. Boyette, J. R. Exum, H. T. Thomas, and Joe Craft.

New River—None.

Lower Mayo—None

Abbott's Creek—None

Bear Creek—Elder J. T. Wlliams

Pig River—None

Salem—None

13th. The officers of this Association together with the deacons of this church were appointed a committee on arrangements.

14th. Elders D. G. Staples, W. B. Kearney, E. F.

Pearce, and G. G. Trevathan were appointed to preach Saturday morning, and they used the following texts. D. G. S.—John 21:18; W. B. K.—Rev. 12:1; E. F. P. —Gal. 4:21-31; G. G. T.—No text.

Elders J. E. Herndon, A. B. Denson, W. H. Freeman, R. B. Denson, E. F. Pollard were appointed to preach Saturday afternoon, and they used the following texts: J. E. H.—Rev. 22:1-2; A. B. Denson—Songs 4:7; W. H. F.—Mark 2-17; R. B. D.—Psalms 112-8 and E. F. P.—Rev. 15:3.

Alders L. L. Yopp, J. B. Roberts, E. C. Stone, J. C. Moore W. E. Jarrell in house, E. C. Jones, W. E. Grimes, E. P. Gerrard at stand, were appointed to preach Sunday morning, and they used the following texts: L. L. Y.—"I am the door"; J. B. R.—Rev. 20-6; E. C. S.—John 6:53; J. C. M.—33-20-22; W. E. J.— Rom. 9th. Chapter; E. C. J.—"I have washed thee"; W. E. G.—did not get text; E. P. G.—Luke 6:20-22.

Elders B. S. Cowan, J. E. Mewborn—in house. E. W. Moore, J. C. Smith, and Jarrett White—at stand were appointed to preach Sunday afternoon, and they used the following texts: B. S. C.—Isiah 31:1-2; J. E. M.—Rev. 3-8; E. W. M.—1 Peter, 2nd Chapter; J. C. S.—Eph. 2-1 and J. W.—No text.

15th. The messengers of the churches were called on to report, and those that were not present were marked absent.

16th. The messengers that were appointed last year to visit sister Associations were called on to report, and those that failed to attend were excused.

17th. The committee on finance made the following report:

Received from churches		$154.20
Collection from stand		96.50
Paid for minutes	$ 35.00	
Allowed Clerk for services	15.00	
Allowed Moderator	5.00	
Given visiting ministers	195.70	
Grand Total	$250.70	$250.70

18th. The report was received and the committee discharged after the money was distributed to the proper ones.

19th. In as much as all of our business is transacted on Friday it is hereby agreed that any messen-

gers from any church or Association, who failed to make his report, can make his report any time to the clerk during the Association, and the Clerk is authorized to record same on the records.

20th. The Clerk was authorized to have 1,250 copies of minutes printed and distributed among the churches and Associations we correspond with, and record one on our minutes.

21st. Agreed that the constitution and rules of decorum be printed with these minutes.

22nd. The following brethen W. N. Cockrell, J. B. Braswell and W. B. Parker were appointed to preserve order during the services on Saturday and Sunday.

23rd. Resolved that our thanks be extended to all of the brethren and friends of this community, and other sections, who so kindly prepared for and entertained us and that our Moderator give public expression at the close of the Association.

24th. On motion and agreed that the association begin services at 11:00 A. M., war time, and thereafter for the duration of war time.

25th. After the minutes were read and approved the Association adjourned to meet again at the time and place appointed for the next session, with praise and prayer by the Moderator.

Elder E. L. Cobb, Moderator,

Elder W. E. Turner, Clerk,

Bro. I. A. Lamm, Asst. Clerk.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Since our last Association we have lost by death our much appreciated and able Moderator, Elder R. H. Boswell. He was fearless and efficient; always having the best interest of the Association at heart; giving his time, advice and service to the best of ability the Lord blessed him with. He was a good preacher, a good mixer. Brethren, sisters and friends held him in high esteem for his fine qualities. He preached as many funerals as any preacher we ever had for the time of his service.

So let us bow in humble submission to the will of Him that doeth all things well, and may the Lord's blessings be with his family, friends and the Association.

E. L. Cobb.

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES AND THE TIME OF HOLDING YEARLY MEETINGS.

1. Aycock's—Pastor, Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, J. T. Ballance, Fremont, N. C.; September, 4th Sunday.

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12. Nashville—Pastor, Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, J. W. Whitfield, Nashville, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2; September, 4th Sunday.

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14. Peach Tree—Pastor, Elder J. B. Murray, Spring Hope, N. C.; Clerk, S. A. Walker, Spring Hope, N. C.; August, 2nd Sunday.

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16. Sandy Grove—No Pastor; Clerk, L. G. Brantley, Spring Hope, N. C.; August, 1st Sunday.

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Clerk, Mrs. Metta Herring, Walstonburg, N. C.; August, 1st Sunday.

21. Elm City—Pastor, Elder W. B. Barnes, Walstonburg, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1; Clerk, J. J. Thorne, Elm City, N. C.; October, 2nd Sunday.

MINISTERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION AND THEIR POSTOFFICE

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DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES AND SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Church—Clerk—P. O. Address	No. Copies
1. Aycock's—J. T. Ballance, Fremont, N. C.	50
2. Beulah—Julius Pittman, Selma, N. C.	65
3. Contentnea—F. W. Boswell, Wilson, N. C., R. F. D. 1	100
4. Creeches—G. G. Creech. Micro, N. C.	35
5. Cross Roads—C. L. Gurley, Jr., Princeton, N. C.	20
6. Dudley—Mrs. Carrie Aycock, Fremont, N. C.	15
7. Goldsboro—W. H. Evans, Goldsboro, N. C.	10
8. Healthy Plains—Hilliard Boykin, Bailey, N. C.	40
9. Lower Black Creek—J. G. Mercer, Black Creek, N. C	80
10. Memorial—Elder N. S. Davis, Fremont, N. C.	60
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White Oak—Elder L. E. Bryan, Pink Hill, N. C., R. F. D. 2	20
Upper Country Line—Eld. J. W. Gilliam Jr., Elon College,	20

Lower Country Line—J. J. Whitley, Durham, N. C. ____ 20
Salem—W. L. Teague, Winston-Salem, N. C. ____ 10
Baltimore—Elder D. L. Topping, Linthicum Heights, Md. __ 5
Staunton River—Elder W. R. Dodd, Whitmell, Va. ____ 15
Black Creek—Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C. ____ 75
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Pig River—Elder J. D. Wood, Roanoke, Va., Floyd Star Rt. 25
Warwick—Elder R. Lester Dodson, Rutherford, N. J. ____ 10
Delaware—J. B. Miller, Newark, Delaware ____ 10
Delaware River—Elder C. W. Vaughan, Hopewell, N. J. __ 10
Va. Corresponding Meeting—Eld. H. H. Lefferts, Leesburg,Va. 10
Bear Creek—J. W. Jones, Peachland, N. C. ____ 18
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YEAR'S ASSOCIATION HELD WITH CHURCHES

1.	Aycock's	1903-1924-1940
2.	Beulah	1902-1917-1936
3.	Contentnea	1912-1933
4.	Creeches	1913-1929
5.	Cross Roads	1911-1916
6.	Dudley	
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10.	Memorial	1904-1919-1934
11.	Mill Branch	1911-1931
12.	Nashville	1909-1920-1938
13.	New Chapel	1891
14.	Peach Tree	1910
15.	Pittman's Grove	1921-1935
16.	Sandy Grove	1923
17.	Sappony	1926-1942
18.	Scott's	1908-1932
19.	Upper Black Creek	1914-1928-1941
20.	White Oak	1907-1927
21.	Elm City	1925

RULES OF DECORUM

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Beulah	O. F. Brown, D. M. Morris, J. P. Pittman	1	0	0	1	0	4	48	10.00
Contentnea	Offie Smith, Ira Lucas, J. T. Boyette	0	0	0	0	0	1	82	10.00
Cross Roads	Andrew Brewer*, Hatlee M. Gurley	0	0	0	0	0	1	15	3.00
Dudley	No Letter								
Goldsboro	No Messengers	1	0	0	0	0	0	13	3.00
Lower Black Creek	Wiley Matthews*, J. P. Bardin*, J. G. Mercer	0	0	0	1	0	2	77	6.00
Healthy Plains	G. C. Coleman, H. W. Howard, Hillard Boykin	2	0	0	0	0	2	43	10.00
Memorial	Elder N. S. Davis, T. J. Yelverton, Gooch Pace	0	0	1	1	0	3	55	8.00
Mill Branch	E. P. Weaver, B. Viverette, Elder Johnnie Joyner	0	0	0	0	0	1	36	6.00
Nashville	J. H. & B. J. Whitfield, M. D. Calhoun*	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	8.00
Peach Tree	W. C. M. Sykes, J. W. Bartholmew, S. A. Walker	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	2.00
New Chapel	A. D. Gurley, C. A. Sasser	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	6.00
Pittman's Grove	Lee Pope, Joe Langley, J. T. Evans	0	0	0	0	0	2	27	4.00
Scott's	I. A. Lamm, C. D. Scott, J. W. Ellis	0	2	0	0	0	0	32	5.00
Upper Black Creek	J. S. Rogerson, W. R. Barnes, Elijah Scott	1	0	0	0	0	4	110	10.00
White Oak	Joe Craft, Ivey Reason, H. T. Thomas	1	1	0	0	0	2	34	25.20
Sandy Grove	W. J. Bissette, H. S. Whitley*, W. T. Brantley, L. G. Brantley	0	0	0	0	0	1	50	8.00
Elm City	Roscoe Page, Elder W. B. Barnes	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	6.00
Sappony	Wiley Lamm, Elder J. R. Baker, Elder J. T. Williams	0	0	0	0	0	2	34	10.00
Creeches	W. A. Parrish, J. E. Creech, J. H. Creech	1	0	0	0	0	0	36	9.00
	Absent * Total	7	3	1	3	0	25	799	$157.20

MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Black Creek Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE CHURCH

AT

White Oak

SARATOGA,

WILSON COUNTY, N. C.

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FRIDAY, SATURDAY and SUNDAY

October 20, 21, 22, 1944

Proceedings

Friday, October 20th., 1944.

1st. The services were opened with praise and prayer by Elder W. E. Turner.

2nd. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. T. Williams from 2nd. Timothy, 4th. chapter, 1st. verse.

3rd. Conference was opened with praise and prayer by Elder J. B. Roberts.

4th. On motion and agreed Elder E. L. Cobb was chosen Moderator and Elder W. E. Turner was chosen Clerk, who called to his assistance Bro. I. A. Lamm.

5th. On motion and agreed brethren and messengers from sister associations were invited to seats with us.

6th. Elder Xure Lee, Elder Lester E. Lee, Elder G. G. Trevathan, Elder J. D. Fly were appointed to preach this afternoon, and they used the following texts: Xure Lee, St. John 5th. chapter, 24th. verse; Lester E. Lee, no special text; G. G. Trevathan, St. John 1st. chapter, 1, 2, 3rd verses; J. D. Fly, St. Matthew 11th chapter, 25th verse.

7th. Brethren J. T. Boyette, J. S. Rogerson and J. T. Ballance were appointed at committee on finance.

8th. Letters from 21 churches composing this association were called for and read.

9th. Petitionary letters to join this association were called for.

10th. Called for corresponding messengers from sister associations.

Contentnea: Elder G. G. Trevathan, Elder J. B. Roberts and Brother M. O. Speight.

Little River: Elder T. Floyd Adams, Brethren J. R. Thompson, H. A. Johnson, Wade Brown.

Seven Mile: Elder Lester E. Lee, Elder L. A. Johnson, Elder Xure Lee, Brethren N. T. Whittington, J. W. Tew, B. L. Godwin.

White Oak: Elder R. W. Gurganus, Brethren C. N. Parker, Bland Lanier.

Mill Branch: Elder L. N. Benton, Brother S. G. Norris.

Baltimore: None.

Lower Country Line: Brother F. D. Long and wife.

Upper Country Line: Minutes.

Salem: Elder D. G. Staples.

Kehukee: Elder J. D. Fly, Sister West, Sister Skinner, Sister Long.

Lower Mayo: Elder J. W. Wyatt.

New River: Minutes.

Abbott's Creek: Elder W. E. Jarrell, Elder S. T. Atkinson.

Bear Creek: Minutes.

Pig River: Minutes.

Staunton River: Minutes.

Elder W. J. Berry, of Seclusia Church, California, was present.

11th. Appointed the next session of our association to be held with the church at Mill Branch to commence on Friday before the 4th. Sunday in October 1945 at 11 o'clock. The introductory sermon to be preached by Elder W. E. Turner and Elder J. T. Williams his alternate.

12th. The following brethren were appointed to visit the sister associations with which we correspond:

Contentnea: Elder J. B. Murray, Brethren Joe E. Craft, Ivey Reason.

White Oak: Elder J. T. Williams, Elder W. B. Barnes, Brother J. A. Ward.

Little River: Elder J. T. Williams, Elder J. B. Murray, Brother J. T. Boyette.

Lower Country Line: Elder E. L. Cobb, Elder J. T. Williams, Brother G. C. Coleman.

Upper Country Line: None.

Seven Mile: Elder J. T. Williams, Elder J. B. Murray, Brother J. T. Ballance.

Baltimore: None.

Staunton River: None.

Kehukee: Brethren J. A. Ward, J. S. Rogerson.

New River: None.

Lower Mayo: None.

Abbott's Creek: Elder J. B. Murray, Elder J. T. Williams.

Bear Creek: Elder J. T. Williams.

Pig River: None.

Salem: Elder J. T. Williams.

13th. The officers of this association together with the deacons of this church were appointed a committee on arrangements.

14th. Elder W. E. Jarrell, Elder D. G. Staples, Elder J. W. Wyatt, Elder S. T. Atkinson were appointed to preach in the house Saturday morning. Elder L. N. Benton, Elder G. G. Trevathan, Elder R. B. Denson were appointed to preach at the stand Saturday morning. They used the following texts: W. E. Jarrell, Salvation; D. G. Staples, Matthew 5:3; J. W. Wyatt, Eph. 1:5; S. T. Atkinson, 1st. John 3:1; L. N. Benton, Isaiah 35th. chap. 8th. verse; G. G. Trevathan, did not get text; R. B. Denson, did not get text. Elder R. W. Gurganus, Elder N. D. Teasley, Elder E. C. Stone were appointed to preach Saturday afternoon. They used the following texts: R. W. Gurganus, Isaiah; N. D. Teasley, Psalms 27th. chap. 29th verse; E. C. Stone, St. Mark 5th. chap. 25th verse. Elder J. B. Robers, Elder W. J.

Berry, Elder T. F. Adams, Elder A. B. Denson were appointed to preach at the stand Sunday morning. Elder W. B. Kearney, Elder L. L. Yopps, Elder J. C. Moore were appointed to preach in the house Sunday morning. They used the following texts: J. B. Roberts, Rev. 12:1; W. J. Berry, Col. 10:23; T. F. Adams, Gen. 42:8-20; A. B. Denson, did not get text; W. B. Kearney, Heb. 2:8; L. L .Yopps, Romans 8th. chapter; J. C. Moore, John 1:29. Elder B. S. Cowin and Elder J .E. Mewborn were appointed to preach at the stand Sunday afternoon. Elder W. C. Edwards and Elder E. W. Moore were appointed to preach in the house Sunday afternoon. They used the following texts: Elder B. S. Cowin, Matt. 13:33; Elder J. E. Mewborn, Heb. 11:8-10; Elder W. C. Edwards, did not get text; Elder E. W. Moore, did not get text. There were other ministers present who were not in preaching arrangements due to lack of time. We extend to them a special invitation to visit us again.

15th. The messengers of the churches were called on to report, and those that were not present were marked absent.

16th. The messengers that were appointed last year to visit sister associations were called on to report, and those that failed to attend were excused.

17th. The committee on finance made the following report:

Received from churches		$198.15
Collection from stand		103.90
Paid for minutes	$ 40.00	
Allowed Clerk for service	15.00	
Allowed Moderator	5.00	
Given to visiting ministers	242.05	
Grand total	$302.05	$302.05

18th. The report was received and the committee discharged after the money was distributed to the proper ones.

19th. In as much as all our business is transacted on Friday it is hereby agreed that any messenger from any church or association who failed to make his report, can make his report any time to the Clerk during the association, and that the Clerk is authorized to record same on our records.

20th. The Clerk is authorized to have 1200 copies of these minutes printed and distributed among the churches and associations with whom we correspond, and record one copy on our records.

21st. Agreed that the constitution and rules of decorum be printed with these minutes.

22nd. The following brethren—Joe E. Craft, Ivey Reason, and Arthur Morris were appointed to preserve or-

der during the services Saturday and Sunday.

23rd. Resolved that our thanks be extended to all of the brethren and friends of this community, and other sections, who so kindly prepared for and entertained us and that our Moderator give public expression at the close of the association.

24th. On motion and agreed that the association begin services at 11:00 A. M. War Time, and thereafter for the duration of War Time.

25th. After the minutes were read and approved the association adjourned to meet again at the time and place appointed for the next session, with praise and prayer by the Moderator.

Elder E. L. Cobb, Moderator
Elder W. E. Turner, Clerk.
Bro. I. A. Lamm, Asst. Clerk.

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

Since our last association we have lost by death our beloved brother and co-worker in the ministry, Elder J. R. Baker.

Elder Baker was a sincere and devoted man to his family, church and community. We, therefore, have every ground to believe he was amongst the number of those favored souls who were redeemed by the blood of the Lamb and made alive unto God by regenerating grace.

We sincerely desire to sympathize with his family, church and friends who felt the sting of the painful bereavement which they have suffered. W. E. Turner.

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES AND THE TIME OF HOLDING YEARLY MEETINGS

1. Aycock's—Pastor, Elder E .L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, J. T. Ballance, Fremont, N. C.; September, 4th Sunday.
2. Beulah—Pastor, Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, Julium Pittman, Selma, N. C.; September, 3rd Sunday.
3. Contentnea—Pastor, Elder W. G. Pate, Goldsboro, N. C.; Clerk, F. W. Boswell, Wilson, N. C., R.F.D. No. 3; October, 3rd Sunday.
4. Cross Roads—Pastor, Elder E. F. Pearce, Princeton, N. C.; Clerk, C. L. Gurley, Jr., Princeton, N. C.; September, 4th Sunday.
5. Creeches—Pastor, Elder E. C. Jones, Willow Springs, N. C.; Clerk, G. G. Creech, Kenly, N. C.; August, 1st Sunday.
6. Dudley—No pastor; Clerk, Sister Cousie Southerland, Mount Olive, N. C.; August, 3rd Sunday.
7. Goldsboro—Pastor, Elder W. G. Pate, Goldsboro, N. C.; Clerk, W. H. Evans, Goldsboro, N. C.; August, 1st Sunday.
8. Healthy Plains—Pastor ,Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, Hilliard Boykin, Bailey, N. C.; August, 2nd Sunday.
9. Lower Black Creek—Pastor, Elder J. D. Fly, Rocky Mount, N. C.; Clerk, J. G. Mercer, Black Creek, N. C.; September, 2nd Sunday.
10. Memorial—Pastor, Elder J. B. Roberts, Farmville, N. C.; Clerk, L. G. Forehand, R. 2, Goldsboro, N. C.; October, 1st Sunday.

11. Mill Branch—Pastor, Elder A. B. Denson, Rocky Mount, N. C.; Clerk, E. P. Weaver, Sharpsburg, N. C.; August, 1st Sunday.

12. Nashville—Pastor, Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, J. W. Whitfield, Nashville, N. C.; R. F. D. No. 2; September, 4th Sunday.

13. New Chapel—Pastor, Elder W. R. Hines, Youngsville, N. C.; Clerk, Albert Smith, Goldsboro, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1; September, 2nd Sunday.

14. Peach Tree—Pastor, Elder J. B. Murray, Spring Hope, N. C.; Clerk, S. A. Walker, Spring Hope, N. C.; August, 2nd Sunday.

15. Pittman's Grove—Pastor Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.;

16. Sandy Grove—Pastor, Elder L. W. Turner; Clerk, L. G. Brantley, Spring Hope, N. C.; August, 1st Sunday.

17. Sappony—Pastor, Elder J. T. Williams, Rocky Mount, N. C.; Clerk, J. B. Williams, Rocky Mount, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1; September, 3rd Sunday.

18. Scott's—Pastor, Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, I. A. Lamm, Princeton, N. C.; October, 1st Sunday.

19. Upper Black Creek—Pastor, Elder J. D. Fly, Rocky Mount, N. C.; Clerk, Adrian Hooks, Lucama, N. C.; September, 4th Sunday.

20. White Oak—Pastor, Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, Mrs. Metta Herring, Walstonburg, N. C.; August, 1st Sunday.

21. Elm City—Pastor, Elder W. B. Barnes, Walstonburg, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1; Clerk, Mrs. W. B. Barnes, Walstonburg, N. C., R.F.D. 1; October, 2nd Sunday.

MINISTERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION AND THEIR POSTOFFICE

Elder J. T. Williams ---------- Rocky Mount, N. C.
Elder E. L. Cobb ---------- Wilson, N. C.
Elder W. R. Hines ---------- Youngsville, N. C.
Elder Leonard Raper ---------- Wendell, N. C.
Elder J. B. Murray ---------- Bailey, N. C.
Elder W. E. Turner ---------- Wilson, N. C.
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Elder N. S. Davis ---------- Fremont, N. C.
Elder Johnnie Joyner ---------- Sharpsburg, N. C.
Elder W. G. Pate ---------- Goldsboro, N. C.

Licentiates

A. C. Owens H. E. Mann

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4. Creeches— G. G. Creech, Micro, N. C.	35
5. Cross Roads—C. L. Gurley, Jr., Princeton, N. C.	20
6. Dudley—Mrs. Cousie Southerland, Mount Olive, N. C.	15
7. Goldsboro—W. H. Evans, Goldsboro, N. C.	10
8. Healthy Plains—Hilliard Boykin, Bailey, N. C.	40
9. Lower Black Creek—J. G. Mercer, Black Creek, N. C.	80
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11. Mill Branch—E. P. Weaver, Sharpsburg, N. C.	40
12. Nashville—J. W. Whitfield, Nashville, N. C., R. No. 1, Box 29	20
13. New Chapel—Albert Smith, Goldsboro, N. C., R. F. D. 1	15

14. Peach Tree—S. A. Walker, Spring Hope ---------- 15
15. Pittman Grove—Lee Pope, Kenly, N. C. ---------- 30
16. Sappony—J. B. Williams, 520 N. Church St., Rocky Mount, N.C. 40
17. Sandy Grove—L. G. Brantley, Spring Hope, N. C. ---------- 60
18. Scott's—I. A. Lamm, Princeton, N. C. ---------- 30
19. Upper Black Creek—Adrian Hooks, Lucama, N. C. ----------125
20. White Oak—Mrs. Metta Herring, Walstonburg, N. C. ---------- 35
21. Elm City—Mrs. W. B. Barnes, Walstonburg, N. C., R. No. 1 -- 10

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Seven Mile—Elder L. W. Turner, Erwin, N. C.	10
White Oak—Elder L .E. Bryan, Pink Hill, N. C., R. F. D. 2	20
Upper Country Line—Elder J. W. Gilliam, Jr., Elon College	20
Lower Country Line—J. J. Whitley, Durham, N. C.	20
Salem—W. L. Teague, Winston-Salem, N. C.	10
Baltimore—Elder D. L. Topping, Linthicum Heights, Md.	5
Staunton River—Elder W. R. Dodd, Whitmel, Va.	15
Black Creek—Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.	75
Kehukee—B. S. Cowin, Williamston, N. C.	40
Pig River—Elder J. D. Wood, Roanoke, Va., Floyd Star Rt.	25
Warwick—Elder R. Lester Dodson, Rutherford, N. J.	10
Delaware—J. B. Miller, Newark, Delaware	10
Delaware River—Elder C. W. Vaughan, Hopewell, N. J.	10
Va. Corresponding Meeting—Elder H. H. Lefferts, Leesburg, Va.	10
Bear Creek—J. W. Jones, Peachland, N. C.	18
Abbott's Creek—J. N. Trogdon, Asheboro, N. C.	10

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YEAR'S ASSOCIATIONS HELD WITH CHURCHES

1.	Aycock's	1903-1924-1940
2.	Beulah	1902-1917-1936
3.	Contentnea	1912-1933
4.	Creeches	1913-1929
5.	Cross Roads	1911-1916
6.	Dudley	
7.	Goldsboro	
8.	Healthy Plains	1915-1937
9.	Lower Black Creek	1905-1922-1939
10.	Memorial	1904-1919-1934
11.	Mill Branch	1911-1931
12.	Nashville	1909-1920-1938
13.	New Chapel	1891
14.	Peach Tree	1910
15.	Pittman's Grove	1921-1935
16.	Sandy Grove	1923-1943
17.	Sappony	1926-1942
18.	Scott's	1908-1932
19.	Upper Black Creek	1914-1928-1941
20.	White Oak	1097-1927-1944
21.	Elm City	1925

RULES OF DECORUM

Art. 1. This Association will be opened and closed by prayer.

Art. 2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make a speech.

Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator, till he is done speaking.

Art. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can, so as to convey his light and ideas.

Art. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

Art. 7. No person shall rise to speak more than three times on one subject without liberty from the Association.

Art. 8. No member of this Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whisper in the time of a public speech.

Art. 9. No member of this Association shall address another in any term or appellation other than that of brother.

Art. 10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he break the rules of this decorum.

Art. 11. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

Art. 12. The Moderator shall be the last person who shall speak on the subject, who may give his opinion if he chooses before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be equally divided.

CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE BLACK CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

From a long series of experiences, we, the church of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of the constitution of churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in union. We, therefore, propose to maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

Article 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, duly sent to represent them in this Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose and upon producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat, provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in the constitution.

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, and dead since our last association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall not have any ecclesiastical power of the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the fraternal rights of any church in this union.

Art. 4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

Art. 5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 6. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall

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Art. 8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read and if there be a majority for it being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the members who made it.

Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the Minutes of this Association. The best method of effecting the purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

Art. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this Association and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by this Association, who shall be accountable to the Association.

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Contentnea	J. T. Boyette, T. R. Smith, Ira Lucas	2	0	1	0	0	2	79	10.00
Cross Roads	Andrew Brewer, Sister Hattie Gurley	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	3.00
Dudley	Not presented	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	------
Goldsboro	*B. F. Taylor, W. H. Evans, Sister Ruth Daniel	2	0	0	0	0	0	14	8.00
Lower Black Creek	J. G. Mercer, J. P. Bardin, Wiley Matthews	0	0.	0	0	0	3	72	6.00
Healthy Plains	Hilliard Boykin, D. A. Fulghum, G. C. Coleman	1	0	0	0	0	2	41	16.35
Memorial	L. G. Forehand, G. P. Pace, Elder N. S. Davis	0	0	0	0	0	2	52	8.00
Mill Branch	*B. Viverette, E. P. Weaver, Elder Johnnie Joyner	0	0	0	0	4	1	29	6.00
Nashville	J. H. Whitfield, *B. J. Whitfield, J. W. Whitfield	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	9.25
Peach Tree	*W. C. M. Sykes, *J. W. Bartholomew, *S. A. Walker	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	2.00
New Chapel	C. A. Sasser	0	0	0	0	0	1	15	5.00
Pittman's Grove	*Lee Pope, J. T. Evans, *Joe Langley	0	0	0	0	0	1	26	4.00
Scott's	I. A. Lamm, C. D. Scott, E. C. Evans	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	6.00
Upper Black Creek	Elijah Scott, Jim Kirby, W. R. Barnes	3	1	0	1	0	6	104	10.00
White Oak	Mrs. H. T. Thomas, Ivey Reason, Joe E. Craft	3	0	0	0	0	2	36	24.55
Sandy Grove	W. T. Brantley, L. G. Brantley, W. J. Bissett, Eld J. B. Murray	2	0	0	0	0	0	52	10.00
Elm City	Roscoe Page, J. D. Girffin, Elder W. B. Barnes	0	2	1	0	1	1	10	8.00
Sappony	Eld. J. T. Williams, W. N. Cockrell, *W. A. Johnson	2	0	0	0	0	3	32	12.00
Creeches	J. H. Creech, N. R. Creech, J. E. Creech	4	1	0	0	0	2	38	20.00
	*Absent Totals	29	4	2	1	5	28	779	$198.15

MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTY NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Black Creek Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE CHURCH

AT

Mill Branch

NEAR

SHARPSBURG, N. C.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY and SUNDAY

October 26, 27, 28, 1945

Proceedings

Friday, October 26, 1945.

1st. The Services were opened with praise and prayer by Elder J. T. Williams.

2nd. The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. E. Turner, from Malachi, 3rd chapter, 3rd verse.

3rd. Conference was opened with praise and prayer by Elder A. B. Denson.

4th. On motion and agreed Elder E. L. Cobb was chosen Moderator, and Elder W. E. Turner was chosen Clerk, who called Brother I. A. Lamm as assistant.

5th. On motion and agreed brethren and messengers from Sister Associations were invited to seats with us.

6th. Elder Lester E. Lee, Elder L. A. Johnson, Elder W. E. Grimes, Elder G. G. Trevathan, Elder J. W. Wyatt were appointed to preach this afternoon, and they used the following texts: Elder Lester E. Lee—Romans 3rd chapter, verses 13-17; Elder L. A. Johnson—Matthew, 16th chapter, verse 13; Elder W. E. Grimes—Isaiah 40th chapter, verse 1; Elder G. G. Trevathan—Luke 4th chapter, verse 36; Elder J. W. Wyatt—"Be not afraid."

7th. Brethren J. T. Boyette, J. S. Rogerson and J. T. Ballance were appointed a committee on finance.

8th. Letters from 21 churches composing this association were called for and read.

9th. Petitionary letters to join this Association were called for.

10th. Called for corresponding messengers from Sister Associations

Contentnea: Elder G. G. Trevathan, Brother M. O. Speight, Brother Z. R. Gay and others.

Little River: Elder W. H. Freeman, and Brother Wade Brown, Elder T. Floyd Adams.

Seven Mile: Brother Junius Barefoot, Elders L. A. Johnson and Lester E. Lee.

White Oak: Elder R. W. Gurganus.

Mill Branch: Sister Marion Wright.

Baltimore: None.

Lower Country Line: F. D. Long and wife.

Upper Country Line: Minutes.

Salem: Elder D. G. Staples.

Kehukee: Elder W. E. Grimes and Elder A. B. Denson.

Lower Mayo: Elder J. C. Paschall.

New River: Minutes.

Abbott's Creek: Elder W. E. Jarrell and wife.

Bear Creek: Elder Oscar Broom, Brother W. A. Helms,

Elder W. C. Edwards.

Pig River: Minutes.

Staunton River: None.

Ministers present not in our correspondence: Elder E. G. Hall of Laurel Springs Association.

11th. Appointed the next session of our Association to be held with the church at Elm City to commence on Friday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1946, at 11 o'clock. Introductory sermon to be preached by Elder E. L. Cobb and Elder W. E. Turner his alternate.

12th. The following brethren were appointed to visit the sister Associations that we correspond with:

Contentnea: Elder E. L. Cobb, Brothers E. T. Smith, Joe E. Craft, and J. T. Ballance.

White Oak: Elders J. T. Williams and W. B. Barnes and Brother Joe E. Craft.

Little River: Elders E. L. Cobb and J. T. Williams and Brother J. T. Ballance.

Lower Country Line: Elders E. L. Cobb and J. T. Williams and Brother Joe E. Craft.

Upper Country Line: Elder E. L. Cobb.

Seven Mile: Elder J. T. Williams, Brothers J. T. Ballance, E. T. Smith and Ivey Reason.

Mill Branch: Elder J. T. Williams and Brother J. T. Boyette.

Baltimore: Elder E. L. Cobb.

Staunton River: None.

Kehukee: Elder W. B. Barnes, Brother J. T. Boyette and Elder E. L. Cobb.

New River: None.

Lower Mayo: None.

Abbott's Creek: Elder J. T. Williams.

Bear Creek: Elder J. T. Williams.

Pig River: None.

Salem: Elder J. T. Williams.

13th. The officers of this Association together with the deacons of this church were appointed a committee on arrangements.

14th. Elders D. G. Staples, Elder R. W. Gurganus, Elder Oscar Broom, Elder T. F. Adams, Elder J. D. Fly, Elder E. P. Gerrod, Elder W. C. Edwards were appointed to preach Saturday morning, and they used the following texts: D. G. Staples: Isaiah 35th chapter; R. W. Gurganus: Canticles, 2nd chapter; Oscar Broom: Matthew 2nd chapter, verse 12; T. F. Adams: Isaiah 45th chapter, verse 7; J. D. Fly: Revelations 5th chapter, verse 9; E. P. Gerrod:

St. John 15th chapter; W. C. Edwards: Proverbs 14th chapter, verse 12.

Elder W. E. Jarrell, Elder W. C. Edwards, Elder E. C. Stone, Elder J. C. Moore were appointed to preach Saturday afternoon, and they used the following texts: W. E. Jarrell: Matthew 18th chapter, verses 15-19; W. C. Edwards: "Resurrection"; E. C. Stone: John 6th chapter, verse 37; J. C. Moore: Isaiah 55th chapter.

Elder J. B. Roberts, Elder O. J. Denny, Elder W. J. Berry, Elder A. B. Denson, Elder W. H. Freeman were appointed to preach Sunday morning, and they used the following texts: J. B. Roberts: Matthew 16th chapter, verse 18; O. J. Denny: No special text; W. J. Berry: Ephesians 5th chapter, verses 1-5; A. B. Denson: Hebrews 2nd chapter, verses 9-28; W. H. Freeman: "As ye go preach."

Elder E. G. Hall, Elder J. C. Paschall, Elder B. S. Cowan were appointed to preach Sunday afternoon, and they used the following texts: E. G. Hall: Hebrews 4th chapter, verse 12; J. C. Paschall: No special text; B. S. Cowan: Did not get text. There were other ministers who were not in preaching arrangements due to lack of time. We extend to them an invitation to visit us again.

15th. The messengers of the churches were called on to report, and those that were not present were marked absent.

16th. The messengers that were appointed last year to visit Sister Associations were called on to report, and those that failed to attend were excused.

17th. The committee on finance made the following report:

Received from churches		$214.40
Collection from stand		159.57
Paid for minutes	$ 40.00	
Allowed clerk for services	20.00	
Allowed moderator	5.00	
Given to visiting ministers	308.97	
Grand Total	$373.97	$373.97

18th. The report was received and the committee discharged after the money was distributed to the proper ones.

19th. In as much as all of our business is transacted on Friday, it is hereby agreed that any messenger from any church or association, who failed to make his report, can make his report any time to the Clerk during the Association, and the Clerk is authorized to record same on our records.

20th. The Clerk is authorized to have 1200 copies of these minutes printed and distributed among the churches and Associations we correspond with, and record one on our records; and the Clerk be allowed $20.00 for his services.

21st. Agreed that the constitution and rules of decorum be printed with these minutes.

22nd. The following brethren: Elder Johnnie Joyner, Brothers Dock Viverette and Jethro Joyner, were appointed to preserve order during the services on Saturday and Sunday.

23rd. Resolved that our thanks be extended to all of the brethren and friends of this community, and other sections, who so kindly prepared for and entertained us and that our Moderator give public expression at the close of the Association.

24th. On motion and agreed that the Association begin services at 10:00 A. M. Saturday and Sunday.

25th. After the minutes were read and approved the Association adjourned to meet again at the time and place appointed for the next session, with praise and prayer by the Moderator.

Elder E. L. Cobb, Moderator,
Elder W. E. Turner, Clerk,
Brother I. A. Lamm, Asst. Clerk.

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES AND THE TIME OF HOLDING YEARLY MEETINGS

1 Aycock's—Pastor, Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, J. T. Ballance, Fremont, N. C.; September, 4th Sunday.

2. Beulah—Pastor, Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk Julius Pittman, Selma, N. C.; September, 3rd Sunday.

3. Contentnea—Pastor, Elder W. G. Pate, Goldsboro, N. C.; Clerk, F. W. Boswell, Wilson, N. C., R. F. D. No. 3; October, 3rd Sunday.

4. Cross Roads—Pastor, Elder E. F. Pearce, Princeton, N. C.; Clerk, C. L. Gurley, Jr., Princeton, N. C.; September, 4th Sunday.

5. Creeches—Pastor, Elder E. C. Jones, Willow Springs, N. C.; Clerk, G. G. Creech, Kenly, N. C.; August, 1st Sunday.

6. Dudley—No pastor; Clerk, Sister Cousie Southerland, Mount Olive, N. C.; August, 3rd Sunday.

7. Goldsboro—Pastor, Elder W. G. Pate, Goldsboro, N. C.; Clerk, W. H. Evans, Goldsboro, N. C.; August, 1st Sunday.

8. Healthy Plains—Pastor, Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, O. W. Hales, 720 Tarboro St., Wilson, N. C.; August, 2nd Sunday.

9. Lower Black Creek—Pastor, Elder J. D. Fly, Rocky Mount, N. C.; Clerk, J. G. Mercer, Black Creek, N. C.; September, 2nd Sunday.

10. Memorial—Pastor, Elder N. S. Davis, Fremont, N. C.; Clerk, L. G. Forehand, R. 2, Goldsboro, N. C.; October, 1st Sunday.

11. Mill Branch—Pastor, Elder A. B. Denson, Rocky Mount, N. C.; Clerk, Eld. Johnnie Joyner, Sharpsburg, N. C.; August, 1st Sunday.

12. Nashville—Pastor, Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk,

J. W. Whitfield, Nashville, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2; September, 4th Sunday.

13. New Chapel—Pastor, Elder W. R. Hines, Youngsville, N. C.; Clerk, Albert Smith, Goldsboro, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1; September, 2nd Sunday.

14. Peach Tree—Pastor, Elder J. B. Murray, Spring Hope, N. C.; Clerk, S. A. Walker, Spring Hope, N. C. August, 2nd Sunday.

15. Pittman's Grove—Pastor, Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, Lee Pope, Kenly, N. C.;

16. Sandy Grove—No pastor; Clerk, L. G. Brantley, Spring Hope, N. C.; August, 1st Sunday.

17. Sappony—Pastor, Elder J. T. Williams, Rocky Mount, N. C.; Clerk, J. B. Williams, Rocky Mount, N. C., 520 N. Church St.; September, 3rd Sunday.

18. Scott's—Pastor, Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, I. A. Lamm, Princeton, N. C.; October, 1st Sunday.

19. Upper Black Creek—Pastor, Elder J. D. Fly, Rocky Mount, N. C.; Clerk, Adrian Hooks, Lucama, N. C.; September, 4th Sunday.

20. White Oak—Pastor, Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, Mrs. Metta Herring, Walstonburg, N. C.; August, 1st Sunday.

21. Elm City—Pastor, Elder W. B. Barnes, Stantonsburg, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1; Clerk, Mrs. W. B. Barnes, Stantonsburg, N. C., R. F. D. 1; October, 2nd Sunday.

MINISTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION AND THEIR POSTOFFICE

Elder J. T. Williams ---------- Rocky Mount, N. C.
Elder E. L. Cobb ---------- Wilson, N. C.
Elder W. R. Hines ---------- Youngsville, N. C.
Elder Leonard Raper ---------- Wendell, N. C.
Elder J. B. Murray ---------- Bailey, N. C.
Elder W. E. Turner ---------- Wilson, N. C.
Elder W. B. Barnes ---------- Stantonsburg, N. C.
Elder N. S. Davis ---------- Fremont, N. C.
Elder Johnnie Joyner ---------- Sharpsburg, N. C.
Elder W. G. Pate ---------- Goldsboro, N. C.

Licentiates

A. C. Owens H. E. Mann

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES AND SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

	Church	Clerk	P. O. Address	No Copies
1.	Aycock's	J. T. Ballance	Fremont, N. C.	50
2.	Beulah	Julius Pittman	Selma, N. C.	65
3.	Contentnea	F. W. Boswell	Wilson, N. C., R.F.D. 1	100
4.	Creeches	G. G. Creech	Micro, N. C.	35
5.	Cross Roads	C. L. Gurley, Jr.	Princeton, N. C.	20
6.	Dudley	Mrs. Cousie Southerland	Mount Olive, N. C.	15
7.	Goldsboro	W. H. Evans	Goldsboro, N. C.	10
8.	Healthy Plains	O. W. Hales	720 Tarboro St., Wilson. N. C.	40
9.	Lower Black Creek	J. G. Mercer	Black Creek, N. C.	80
10.	Memorial	L. G. Forehand	Rt. 2, Goldsboro, N. C.	60
11.	Mill Branch	Elder Johnnie Joyner	Sharpsburg, N. C.	40
12.	Nashville	J. W. Whitfield	Nashville, N. C., R. No. 1, Box 29	20
13.	New Chapel	Albert Smith	Goldsboro, N. C., R. F. D. 1	15
14.	Peach Tree	S. A. Walker	Spring Hope	15
15.	Pittman Grove	Lee Pope	Kenly, N. C.	30
16.	Sappony	J. B. Williams	520 N. Church St., Rocky Mt, N. C.	40

17. Sandy Grove—L. G. Brantley, Spring Hope, N. C. ---------- 60
18. Scott's—I. A. Lamm, Princeton, N. C. ---------- 30
19. Upper Black Creek—Adrian Hooks, Lucama, N. C. ---------125
20. White Oak—Mrs. Metta Herring, Walstonsburg, N. C. ------ 35
21. Elm City—Mrs. W. B. Barnes, Stantonsburg, N. C., Rt. 1---- 10

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Contentnea	Elder J. E. Mewborn	Snow Hill, N. C.	30
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Seven Mile	Elder L. W. Turner	Erwin, N. C.	10
White Oak	Elder L. E. Bryan	Pink Hill, N. C., R. F. D. 2	20
Upper Country Line	Elder J. W. Gilliam, Jr.	Elon College	20
Lower Country Line	J. J. Whitley	Durham, N. C.	20
Salem	W. L. Teague	Winston-Salem, N. C.	10
Baltimore	Elder D. L. Topping	Linthicum Heights, Md.	5
Staunton River	Elder W. R. Dodd	Whitmel, Va.	15
Black Creek	Elder W. E. Turner	Wilson, N. C.	75
Kehukee	B. S. Cowin	Williamston, N. C.	40
Pig River	Elder J. D. Wood	Roanoke, Va., Floyd Star Rt.	25
Warwick	Elder R. Lester Dodson	Rutherford, N. J.	10
Delaware	J. B. Miller	Newark, Delaware	10
Delaware River	Elder C. W. Vaughan	Hopewell, N. J.	10
Va. Corresponding Meeting	Elder H. H. Lefferts	Leesburg, Va.	10
Bear Creek	J. W. Jones	Peachland, N. C.	18
Abbott's Creek	J. N. Trogdon	Asheboro, N. C.	10

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YEAR'S ASSOCIATIONS HELD WITH CHURCHES

1.	Aycock's	1903-1924-1940
2.	Beulah	1902-1917-1936
3.	Contentnea	1912-1933
4.	Creeches	1913-1929
5.	Cross Roads	1911-1916
6.	Dudley	
7.	Goldsboro	
8.	Healthy Plains	1915-1937
9.	Lower Black Creek	1905-1922-1939
10.	Memorial	1904-1919-1934
11.	Mill Branch	1911-1931-1945
12.	Nashville	1909-1920-1938
13.	New Chapel	1891
14.	Peach Tree	1910
15.	Pittman's Grove	1921-1935
16.	Sandy Grove	1923-1943
17.	Sappony	1926-1942
18.	Scotts	1908-1932
19.	Upper Black Creek	1914-1928-1941
20.	White Oak	1907-1927-1944
21.	Elm City	1925

RULES OF DECORUM

Article 1—This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Article 2—The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Artice 3—Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise

from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about making his speech.

Article 4—The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

Article 5—He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke, before, so as to make remarks on his slips or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can so as to convey his light and ideas.

Article 6—No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

Article 7—No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty from the Association.

Article 8—No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of same, nor whisper in the time of public speech.

Article 9—No member of the Association shall address another in any term or appellation other than that of brother.

Article 10—The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he break the rules of decorum.

Article 11—The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

Artice 12—The Moderator shall be the last person who shall speak on the subject, who may give his opinion if he chooses before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be equally divided.

CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE BLACK CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

From a long series of experiences, we, the church of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of the constitution of churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in union. We, therefore, propose to maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

Article 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, duly sent to represent them in this Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose and upon producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat, provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in the constitution.

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, and dead since our last association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall not have any ecclesiastical power of the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the fraternal rights of any church in this union.

Art. 4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

Art. 5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 6. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association and

manifested by the Moderator giving the members the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in this Association by not to exceed three of its members.

Art. 8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read and if there be a majority for it being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against, it shall be withdrawn.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the members who made it.

Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the Minutes of this Association. The best method of effecting the purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

Art. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this Association and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by this Association, who shall be accountable to the Association.

Art. 12. The Minutes of the Association when printed, shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

Art. 13. Amendments of this plan or form of government may be made at any time by majority of the union, when they may deem it necessary.

Art. 14. The Association shall have the power: 1, to provide for the general rule of churches; 2, to preserve inviolably, a chain of communication among the churches; 3, to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4, to enquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in this association; 5, to appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for any Association fund to any purpose strictly connected with this Association; 6, to appoint any members by and with his or her consent to contract any business which may seem necessary; 7, the Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which violates the rules of this Association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion; 8, to admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present at the time of its sitting whom it shall judge necessary; 9, the Association shall have the power to adjourn itself to any future time or place it may think most convenient to the churches of the Union.

Art. 15. We shall not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or other lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come to reside among us in the character of a preacher. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our Association establishing societies for the collecting of money, or who himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible Tract, or Sunday School union societies, nor advocate theological schools, nor any such persons who does fellowship with them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

Statistical Table

CHURCHES	MESSENGERS	Baptised	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Members	Contributions
Aycock's	J. T. Ballance, E. T. Smith, R. L. Ballance	0	0	0	0	1	1	40	$ 20.00
Beulah	S. E. Woodard, *J P. Pittman, Joe Woodard	4	0	0	1	0	2	56	10.00
Contentnea	J. T. Boyette, T. R. Smith, T. B. Mercer	0	0	0	0	0	2	77	10.00
Cross Roads	Andrew Brewar, Nora Brewar	0	0	0	0	0	1	14	3.00
Dudley	Not represented								
Goldsboro	W. H. Evans, *B. F. Taylor, Sudie V. Evans	1	0	0	0	0	0	16	8.00
Lower Black Creek	J. G. Mercer, Wiley Matthews, R. L. Mercer	0	0	0	0	0	2	65	6.00
Healthy Plains	D. A. Fulghum, *G. C. Coleman, H. W. Howard	1	0	0	0	0	0	41	15.00
Memorial	Elder N. S. Davis, L. G. Forehand, G. P. Pace	0	0	0	1	0	2	47	8.00
Mill Branch	B. Viverette, J. D. Joyner, Johnnie Joyner	2	0	0	0	0	3	28	6.00
Nashville	*J. H Whitfield, B. J. Whitfield, J. W. Whitfield	0	0	0	0	0	1	26	10.25
Peach Tree	W. C. M. Sykes, *J. W. Bartholomew, S. A. Walker	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	2.00
New Chappel	A. J. Smith	0	0	0	0	0	1	14	5.00
Pittman's Grove	Lee Pope, Joe Langley, J. T. Evans	0	0	0	0	0	2	24	4.00
Scott's	Elder W. E. Turner, I. A. Lamm, J. W. Ellis	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	8.00
Upper Black Creek	W. R. Barnes, J. R. Exum, *Elijah Scott	0	0	1	0	0	4	103	15.00
White Oak	Joe E. Craft, H. T. Thomas, Ivey Reason	1	1	0	0	0	0	40	35.00
Sandy Grove	W. T. Brantley, W. J. Bissett, L. G. Brantley	0	0	0	0	0	2	50	10.00
Elm City	Roscoe Page, Mary Page, J. D. Griffin	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	8.00
Sappony	Elder J. T. Williams, W. N. Cockrell, W. A. Johnson	0	0	0	0	1	1	30	15.00
Creeches	J. E. Creech, *W. A. Parrish, J. H. Creech	0	1	0	0	0	0	39	16.15
	* Absent Totals	9	2	1	2	2	24	760	$214.40

MINUTES

— of the —

71st Annual Session

— of the —

Black Creek Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Elm City

FRIDAY, SATURDAY and SUNDAY

OCTOBER 24, 25, 26,

1947

1948 Session convenes with Beulah Church, Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1948, 11 a. m.

OFFICERS

ELDER E. L. COBB - Moderator . . . Wilson, N. C.
ELDER W. E. TURNER - Clerk ..... Wilson, N. C.
I. A. LAMM - Assistant Clerk ..... Princeton, N. C.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION OF THE BLACK CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

Held with the Church at Elm City, N. C., Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 24, 25, 26, 1947

Owing to the illness of Elder E. L. Cobb, Moderator, who was chosen to preach the introductory sermon, it was preached by the alternate and Elder J. T. Williams was chosen Moderator, pro tem. We hope and pray for Elder Cobb a speedy recovery.

1. The services were opened with praise and prayer by Elder A. L. Holloway.

2. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. E. Turner from Romans 11:2-5.

3. Conference was opened with praise and prayer by Elder H. O. Nash.

4. On motion and agreed Elder J. T. Williams was chosen Moderator pro tem, and Elder W. E. Turner was chosen Clerk who called Brother I. A. Lamm as assistant.

5. On motion and agreed brethren and messengers from Sister Associations were invited to seats with us.

6. Elders A. L. Holloway, T. F. Adams were appointed to preach this afternoon, and they used the following texts: A. L. H., Isa. 55: 10-11; T. F. A., Isa. 55:1-2.

7. Brethren J. T. Boyette, E. T. Smith and J. S. Rogerson were appointed a committee on finance.

8. Letters from 20 churches composing this Association were called for and read.

9. Petitionary letters to join this Association were called for.

10. Called for corresponding messengers from Sister Associations:

Abbott's Creek: Minutes

Bear Creek: Julius Williams

Baltimore: none

Contentnea: Elder G. G. Trevathan, Zeb Gay and Oscar Speight.

Kehukee: Elders A. B. Ayers, A. B. and R. B. Denson

Little River: Elder T. F. Adams, C. L. Dupree and H. A. Johnson

Lower Country Line: F. D. Long, Elder A. L. Holloway and I. C. Chambers.

Lower Mayo: Elder S. L. Gilbert

Mill Branch: Minutes.

New River: Minutes

Pigg River: Minutes

Salem: Elder D. G. Staples and Elder O. J. Denny

Seven Mile: Elder L. A. Johnson

Staunton River: Minutes

Upper Country Line: Minutes.

White Oak: Elder S. Gray

Ministers present not in our correspondence: Elder H. O. Nash, Elder S. J. Priddy and Elder W. S. England.

11. Appointed the next session of our Association to be held with the church at Old Beulah, to commence on Friday before the 4th

Sunday in October, 1948 at 11 a. m. The introductory sermon to be preached by Elder W. G. Pate and Elder Johnnie Joyner alternate.

12. The following brethren were appointed to visit the Sister Associations that we correspond with:

Abbott's Creek: Elder J. B. Murray, Elder J. T. Williams
Baltimore: Minutes.
Bear Creek: Elder W. G. Pate, Elder J. T. Williams
Contentnea: Elder J. B. Murray, Joe E. Craft and Ivey Reasons
Kehukee: J. S. Rogerson, Elder J. T. Williams, G. C. Coleman
Little River: Elder J. T. Williams, Joe E. Craft, Elder W. R. Hines
Lower Country Line: Elder J. T. Williams, and G. C. Coleman
Lower Mayo: Elder W. B. Barnes
Mill Branch: Elder J. T. Williams
New River: Minutes
Pigg River: Minutes
Salem: Elder J. T. Williams
Seven Mile: Elder J. T. Williams and J. T. Ballance
Staunton River: Minutes
Upper Country Line: L. G. Brantley, Elder J. T. Williams
White Oak: Elder J. T. Williams, Joe E. Craft Elder W. B. Barnes

13. The officers of this Association together with the deacons of this church were appointed a committee on arrangements.

14. Elders R. B. Denson, L. A. Johnson, D. G. Staples, W. S. England and W. C. Edwards were appointed to preach Saturday morning, and they used the following texts: R. B. D., Phil. 3:3-10; L. A. J., Jer. 31:3; D. G. S., Isa. 35:8; W. S. E, Zeph. 3:12; W, C, E, Rom. 8:1.

Elders S. L. Gilbert, J. C. Moore, S. J. Priddy and A.B. Denson were appointed to preach Saturday afternoon; they used the following texts: S. L. G., no special text; J. C. M., 1 John 5:21; S. J. P., Isaiah 51:11; A. B. D., Phil. 3:3-10.

Elders J. D. Fly, J. L. Roberts, O. J. Denny, H. O. Nash, W. H. Freeman, L. L. Yopps, M. F. Westbrook and E. G. Hall were appointed to preach Sunday morning; they used the following texts: J. D. F., Rom. 5:21-24; J. B. R., (failed to get text); O. J, D, 1 Cor, 15:15-16; H. O. N., Gen. 2:5-6; W. H. F., Rom. 9:1-5; L. L. Y., no special text; M. F. W., Lam. 3:53; E. G. H., Heb. 1:1.

Elders Jack Pulliam, J. E. Mewborn, C. L. Robbins, E. P. Gerrard, E. W. Moore, J. C. Smith and G. G. Trevathan were appointed to preach Sunday afternoon; they used the following texts: J. P., John 17; J. E. M., (failed to get text); others made brief remarks.

15. The messengers of the churches were called on to report, and those that were not present were marked absent.

16. The messengers that were appointed last year to visit Sister Associations were called on to report, and those that failed to attend were excused.

17. The committee on finance made the following report:

Received from the churches		$239.75
Collection from stand		138.15
Paid for Printing and mailing Minutes	$42.50	
Allowed Clerk for services	20.00	
Allowed Moderator	10.00	
Allowed Moderator pro tem	10.00	
Allowed Janitor	10.00	
Given to visiting ministers	285.40	
Grand total	$377.90	377.90

18. The report was received and the committee discharged after the money was distributed to the proper ones.

19. In as much as all of our business is transacted on Friday, it is hereby agreed that any messenger from any church or association who failed to make his report can make his report any time to the Clerk during the association, and the Clerk is authorized to record same on our records.

20. The Clerk is authorized to have 1050 copies of these minutes printed and distributed among the churches and Associations we correspond with, and record one on our records; and that the Clerk be allowed $20.00 for his services.

21. Agreed that the constitution and rules of decorum be printed with these minutes.

22. The following brethren, J. D. Griffin, Elder W. B. Barnes, were appointed to preserve order during the services on Saturday and Sunday.

23. Resolved that our thanks be extended to all the brethren and friends of this community and other sections, who so kindly prepared for and entertained us, and that our Moderator give public expression at the close of the Association.

24. On motion and agreed that the Association begin services at 10:30 a. m. Saturday and 10:00 a. m. Sunday.

25. After the minutes were read and approved the Association adjourned to meet again at the time and place appointed for the next session, with praise and prayer by the Moderator.

ELDER J. T. WILLIAMS, Moderator pro tem
ELDER W. E. TURNER, Clerk
I. A. LAMM, Assistant Clerk

We were blessed to have present 33 visiting ministers, and all preached the glorious doctrine of salvation by grace in a most harmonious way.

As we were permitted to use the school auditorium Saturday and Sunday, we had no facilities on Friday other than the meeting house for conference and preaching services, and we regret that time did not permit us to put in arrangements all the ministers who were present Friday that could not return for Saturday or Sunday services, and we extend to these ministers a very cordial invitation to visit us again.

MINISTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION AND THEIR ADDRESS

Elder J. T. Williams, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C.
Elder W. R. Hines, Youngsville, N. C.
Elder J. B. Murray, Bailey, N. C.
Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.
Elder W. B. Barnes, Sharpsburg, N. C.
Elder N. S. Davis, Fremont, N. C.
Elder Johnnie Joyner, Sharpsburg, N. C.
Elder W. G. Pate, Goldsboro, N. C.

Licentiates:

A. C. Owens and H. E. Mann

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES, AND TIME OF HOLDING YEARLY MEETINGS

1. Aycock's—Pastor, Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, J. T. Ballance, Fremont, N. C.; September, 4th Sunday.
2. Beulah—Pastor, Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, Julius Pittman, Selma, N. C.; September, 3rd Sunday.
3. Contentnea—Pastor, Elder W. G. Pate, Goldsboro, N. C.; Clerk. F. W. Boswell, Wilson, N. C.; Rt. 3,; October, 3rd Sunday.
4. Creeches—Pastor, Elder E. C. Jones, Varina, N. C.; Clerk, G. G. Creech, Kenly, N. C.; August, 1st Sunday.
5. Dudley—No pastor; Clerk, Sister Cousie Southerland, Mount Olive, N. C.; August, 3rd Sunday.
6. Goldsboro—Pastor, Elder W. G. Pate, Goldsboro, N. C.; Clerk, W. H. Evans, Goldsboro, N. C.; August, 1st Sunday.
7. Healthy Plains—Pastor, Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, O. W. Hales, 720 Tarboro St., Wilson, N. C.; August 2nd Sunday.
8. Lower Black Creek—Pastor, Elder J. D. Fly, Rocky Mount, N. C.; Clerk, J. G. Mercer, Black Creek, N. C.; September, 2nd Sunday.
9. Memorial—Pastor, Elder N. S. Davis, Fremont, N. C.; Clerk, L. G. Forehand, Rt. 2, Goldsboro, N. C.; October, 1st Sunday.
10. Mill Branch—Pastor, Elder A. B. Denson, Rocky Mt., N. C.; Clerk, Elder Johnnie Joyner, Sharpsburg, N. C.; August, 1st Sunday.
11. Nashville—Pastor, Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, J. W. Whitfield Nashville, N. C. Rt. 2; September, 4th Sunday.
12. New Chapel—Pastor, Elder W. R. Hines, Youngsville, N. C.; Clerk, Albert Smith, Goldsboro, N. C., Rt. 1; September, 2nd Sunday.
13. Peach Tree—Pastor, Elder J. B. Murray, Spring Hope, N. C.; Clerk, S. A. Walker, Spring Hope, N. C.; August, 2nd Sunday.
14. Pittman's Grove—Pastor, Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, Lee Pope, Kenly, N. C.
15. Sandy Grove—No pastor; Clerk, L. G. Brantley, Spring Hope, N. C.; August, 1st Sunday.
16. Sappony—Pastor, Elder J. T. Williams, Rocky Mount, N. C.; Clerk, J. B. Williams, Rocky Mount, N. C., 520 N. Church St.; September, 3rd Sunday.
17. Scott's—Pastor, Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, I. A. Lamm, Princeton, N. C.; October, 1st Sunday.
18. Upper Black Creek—Pastor, Elder J. D. Fly, Rocky Mt., N. C.; Clerk, Adrian Hooks, Lucama, N. C.; September, 4th Sunday.
19. White Oak—Pastor, Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, Mrs. Metta Herring, Walstonburg, N. C.; August, 1st Sunday.
20. Elm City—Pastor, Elder W. B. Barnes, Sharpsburg, N. C.; Clerk, Mrs. W. B. Barnes, Sharpsburg, N. C. 2 Sunday in October.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Church	Clerk	P. O. Address	No. Copies
1. Aycock's	J. T. Ballance,	Fremont, N. C.	35
2. Beulah	Julius Pittman,	Selma, N. C.	50
3. Contentnea	F. W. Boswell,	R 3, Wilson, N. C.	70
4. Creeches	G. G. Creech,	Micro, N. C.	35
5. Dudly	Mrs. Cousie Southerland,	Mount Olive, N. C.	5
6. Goldsboro	W. H. Evans,	Goldsboro, N. C.	10
7. Healthy Plains	O. W. Hales,	720 Tarboro St., Wilson, N. C.	35
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9. Memorial	L. G. Forehand,	R 2, Goldsboro, N. C.	35
10. Mill Branch	Elder Johnnie Joyner,	Sharpsburg, N. C.	25

11. Nashville—J. W. Whitfield, R 1, Box 29, Nashville, N. C. .. 20
12. New Chapel—Albert Smith, R 1, Goldsboro, N. C. 15
13. Peach Tree—S. A. Walker, Spring Hope, N. C. 10
14. Pittman Grove—Lee Pope, Kenly, N. C. 20
15. Sappony—J. B. Williams, 520 N. Church St., Rocky Mt. 25
16. Sandy Grove—L. G. Brantley, Spring Hope, N. C. 50
17. Scott's—I. A. Lamm, Princeton, N. C. 30
18. Upper Black Creek—Adrian Hooks, Lucama, N. C. 75
19. White Oak—Mrs. Metta Herring, Walstonburg, N. C. 35
20. Elm City—Mrs. W. B. Barnes, Sharpsburg, N. C. 10

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Association	Clerk or Mod.	Address	No. Copies
Abbott's Creek	R. L. Comer	Carthage, N. C.	10
Bear Creek	T. A. Williams	Monroe, N. C.	20
Black Creek	Elder W. E. Turner	Wilson, N. C.	75
Contentnea	Elder J. E. Mewborn	Snow Hill, N. C.	30
Delaware River	Elder C. W. Vaughn	Hopewell, N. J.	10
Delaware	Henry H. Townsend, Sr.	Newton Square, Pa.	5
Kehukee	Elder R. B. Denson	Rocky Mount, N. C.	40
Little River	Elder E. C. Jones	Varina, N. C.	25
Lower Country Line	J. J. Whitley	Durham, N. C.	15
Pigg River	Elder J. D. Wood, Rt. 5	Baltimore 7, Md.	25
Salem	Elder Z. L. Rhue, Rt. 6	Winston-Salem, N. C.	10
Seven Mile	Graham Jackson	Godwin, N. C.	10
Staunton River	W. J. Oakes	Blairs, Va.	15
Upper Country Line	Elder J. W. Gilliam	Elon College, N. C.	20
Va. Corresponding Meeting	Elder H. H. Lefferts	Leesburg, Va.	10
Warwick	Elder R. Lester Dodson	Rutherford, N. J.	10
White Oak	Elder L. E. Bryan, Tr. 11992	Camp Lejeune, N. C.	20

YEARS ASSOCIATION HELD WITH CHURCHES

1—Aycock's	1903-1924-1940
2—Beulah	1902-1917-1936
3—Contentnea	1912-1933
4—Creech's	1913-1929
5—Dudley	
6—Goldsboro	
7—Healthy Plains	1915-1937
8—Lower Black Creek	1905-1922-1939
9—Memorial	1904-1919-1934
10—Mill Branch	1911-1931-1945
11—Nashville	1909-1920-1938
12—New Chapel	1891
13—Peach Tree	1910
14—Pittman's Grove	1921-1935
15—Sandy Grove	1923-1943
16—Sappony	1926-1942
17—Scotts	1908-1932-1946
18—Upper Black Creek	1914-1928-1941
19—White Oak	1907-1927-1944
20—Elm City	1925-1947

RULES OF DECORUM

1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can so as to convey his light and ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of same, nor whisper in the time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any term or appellation other than that of brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he break the rules of decorum.

11. The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be the last person who shall speak on the subject, who may give his opinion if he chooses before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be equally divided.

CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE BLACK CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

From a long series of experiences, we, the church of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptised upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of the constitution of churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in union. We, therefore, propose to maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, duly sent to represent them in this Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose and upon producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat, provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in the constitution.

2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptised, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, and dead since our last association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall not have any ecclesiastical power of the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the fraternal rights of any church in this union.

4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, Who shall

be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the members the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in this Association by not to exceed three of its members.

8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read and if there be a majority for it being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the members who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the Minutes of this Association. The best method of effecting the purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this Association and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by this Association, who shall be accountable to the Association.

12. The Minutes of the Association when printed, shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

13. Amendments of this plan or form of government may be made at any time by majority of the union, when they may deem it necessary.

14. The Association shall have the power: 1., to provide for the general rule of churches; 2, to preserve inviolably, a chain of communication among the churches; 3, to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4, to enquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in this association; 5, to appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for any Association fund to any purpose strictly connected with this Association; 6, to appoint any members by and with his or her consent to contract any business which may seem necessary; 7, the Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which violates the rules of this Association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion; 8, to admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present at the time of its sitting whom it shall judge necessary; 9, the Association shall have the power to adjourn itself to any future time or place it may think most convenient to the churches of the Union.

15. We shall not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or other lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come to reside among us in the character of a preacher. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our Association establishing societies for the collecting of money, or who himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible Tract, or Sunday School union societies, nor advocate theological schools, nor any persons who do fellowship with them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	MESSENGERS	Rec'd by Exp. & Bap.	Rec'd by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contributions
Aycock's	J. T. Ballance, E. T. Smith, H. B. Ballance	..	..	..	..	..	1	40	$15.00
Beulah	J. P. Pitman, T. W. Brown, Johnie Robertson	1	..	..	..	..	..	55	21.00
Contentnea	J. T. Boyette, T. R. Smith, D. N. Page	..	1	..	..	1	5	69	10.00
Dudley	Not represented—no statistics	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....
Goldsboro	W. H. Evans, B. F. Taylor*, Sister Ruth Daniels	..	1	1	1	1	1	16	10.00
Lower Black Cr'k	J. P. Barden, R. L. Mercer, O. R. Daniels	1	..	..	..	..	2	59	6.00
Healthy Plains	G. C. Coleman, H. W. Howard*, O. W. Hales	..	1	..	..	1	1	39	25.75
Memorial	Elder N. S. Davis, T. J. Yelverton, L. G. Forehand	..	1	..	..	..	2	40	10.00
Mill Branch	B. Viverette, L. A. Hinton, Elder Johnnie Joyner	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	14.50
Nashville	J. H. Whitfield, B. J. Whitfield, J. W. Whitfield	..	..	..	..	..	2	24	8.75
Peach Tree	W. C. M. Sykes*, J. W. Bartholomew*, S. A. Walker	..	..	..	..	..	1	8	2.00
New Chapel	A. J. Smith	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	4.00
Pittman's Grove	Lee Pope, Joe Langley	2	..	..	..	..	1	26	5.00
Scott's	I. A. Lamm, Elder W. E. Turner, C. D. Scott	1	..	..	..	..	2	30	6.00
Upper Black Cr'k	J. H. Lucas, J. S. Rogerson, F. W. Scott	5	..	..	..	..	3	108	20.00
White Oak	Joe E. Craft, H. T. Thomas, Ivey Reason	..	..	..	1	..	..	39	28.50
Sandy Grove	H. S. Whitley*, W. T. Brantley*, Elder J. B. Murray	..	..	..	1	..	..	48	10.00
Elm City	Roscoe Page, J. D. Griffin	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	8.00
Sappony	W. N. Cockrell, C. M. Jones, Elder J. T. Williams	..	..	..	..	..	..	27	23.50
Creeches	J. E. Creech, N. R. Creech, J. H. Creech	3	..	..	..	..	..	39	11.75
	Absentees marked thus * TOTALS	13	4	1	3	3	21	718	239.75

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Johnston County, N. C.

October 22, 23, 24,

1948

1949 Session convenes with Creeches Church, Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, at 11 a. m.

Officers

ELDER E. L. COBB - Moderator . . . Wilson, N. C.
ELDER W. E. TURNER - Clerk ..... Wilson, N. C.
I. A. LAMM -ssistant Clerk ..... Princeton, N. C.
J. T. BALLANCE, Assistant Clerk ..... Fremont, N. C.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION OF THE BLACK CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT OLD BEAULAH, JOHNSTON COUNTY, N. C., FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 23, 24, 1948

1. Services were opened with praise and prayer by Elder J. T. Williams.

2. In the absence of Elder W. G. Pate, who was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon, it was preached by the alternate.

3. Conference was opened with praise and prayer by Elder R. W. Gurganus.

4. On motion and agreed Elder E. L. Cobb was chosen Moderator, but owing to his infirmities, Elder J. T. Williams was chosen Moderator Pro. tem. Elder W. E. Turner was chosen Clerk, who called to his assistance, Brother J. T. Ballance, in the absence of Brother I. A. Lamm, who we regret is ill.

5. On motion and agreed brethren and Messengers from sister Associations were invited to seats with us.

6. Elders A. B. Denson, A. B. Ayers, A. L. Holloway, C. L. Robbins, were appointed to preach this afternoon, and they used the following texts: A. B. D., 1 Cor. 1:30, 31; A. B. A., Psa. 80:10, 11; A. L. H., Matt. 1:21; C. L. R. 1 Cor. 2:
1-4.

7. Brethren J. T. Boyette, E. T. Smith, J. S. Rogerson were appointed a Committee on Finance.

8. Letters from 20 churches composing this Association were called for and read.

9. Petitionary letters to join this Association were called for.

10. Called for Corresponding Messengers from sister Associations.

Abbott's Creek: Elder W. E. Jarrell and wife.
Bear Creek: Minutes. Elders Oscar Broom, J. T. Jones.
Baltimore: None.
Contentnea: Elders J. E. Mewborn, J. B. Roberts, Brother M. O. Speight.
Kehukee: Minutes. Elders R. B. Denson, A. B. Denson, A. B. Ayers.
Little River: Minutes. Elder E. C. Jones, Wade Brown, J. C. Langdon.
Lower Country Line: Minutes. Sister Maggie Farmer, Elder A. L. Holloway, Brother Robert Hawkins.
Lower Mayo: Minutes. Elder Emmett Stone.
Mill Branch: Minutes. R. N. Radford, Edgar Faircloth, Elder L. N. Benton.
New River: Minutes. J. S. Phillips, H. E. Phillips, Elder Golden P. Harris.
Pigg River: Minutes.
Salem: Minutes.
Seven Mile: Minutes. Elder L. A. Johnson.
Staunton River: Minutes.
Upper Country Line: Minutes.
White Oak: Elder R. W. Gurganus and others.
Ministers present not in our correspondence: Elders. S. L. Mor-

an, and B. O. Thompson from Smith River Association, and Elder George L. Weaver, from Sulphur Fork Church in Kentucky.

11. Appointed the next session of our Association to be held with the Church at Creeches, to commence on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1949 at 11 a. m. The Introductory Sermon to be preached by Elder W. E. Turner, and Elder W. G. Pate, alternate.

12. The following brethren were appointed to visit the sister Associations that we correspond with:
Abbott's Creek: Elder J. B. Murray
Baltimore: None.
Bear Creek: None.
Contentnea: E. T. Smith, Joe Craft, J. T. Boyette.
Kehukee: Elders J. T. Williams, W. B. Barnes.
Little River: Elders W. R Hines, J. T. Williams, Brother J T. Boyette.
Lower Country Line: Elders W. R. Hines, J. T. Williams.
Lower Mayo: None.
Mill Branch: Elder J. T. Williams, Brother Joe E. Craft.
New River: Elder W. E. Turner, Brethren J. T. Boyette, E. T. Smith.
Pigg River: None.
Salem: None.
Seven Mile: J. T. Ballance, E. T. Smith.
Staunton River: Elder J. B. Murray.
Upper Country Line: G. C. Coleman.
White Oak: Elders J. T. Williams, W. B. Barnes, Bro. Joe E. Craft.

13. The officers of this Association together with the deacons of this church were appointed a Committee on Arrangements.

14. Elders L. A. Johnson, Emmett Stone, L. N. Benton, R. B. Denson, R. W. Gurganus, J. T. Jones were appointed to preach Saturday morning, and they used the following texts: L. A. J., Eph. 3:19; E. S. Isa. 53:1; L. N. B. Rom. 9:12; R. B. D., Acts 2:26; J. T. J., Matt. 16:23.

Elders Geo. L. Weaver, B. O. Thompson, E. C. Jones, D. G. Staples, M. F. Westbrook, W. E. Jarrell were appointed to preach Saturday afternoon, and they used the following texts: G. L. W., 2 Tim. 4:4; B. O. T., Matt. 16:13; E. C. J., Tit. 2:11; D. G. S., No text; M. F. W., Psa. 116; W. E. J., No text.

Elders Oscar Broom, Golden P. Harris, S. L. Moran, J. E. Mewborn, J. B. Roberts, L. L. Mishue, L. L. Yopp were appointed to preach Sunday morning, and they used the following texts: O. B., Luke 10:42; G. P.H., no special text; S. L. M., no special text; J. E. M., No special text; J. B. R., 1 Jn. 1:2; L. L. M., No special text; L.L.Y., Jn. 6:44.

Elders W. B. Kearney, Jarrett White, J. C. Smith, E. C. Stephenson, E. P. Gerrard, T. L. Grimes, J. D. Fly, G. G. Trevathan, W. C. Edwards, F. H. Nordan were appointed to preach Sunday afternoon, and they used the following texts: W. B. K., Matt. 5:44; J. W., Did not get text; J. C. S., Jn. 10:14; E. C. S., Gal. 1:1, 2; E. P. G., Rom. 7:13-18; T. L. G., Did not get text; J. D. F., Jn. 17:4; G. G.T., Psa. 57:7; W. C. E., Psa. 139:14; F. H. N., Rev. 1:1-4.

15. The Messengers of the churches were called on to report, and those that were not present were marked absent.

16. The Messengers that were appointed last year to visit sister Associations were called on to report, and those that failed to at-

tend were excused.

17. The Committee on Finance made the following report:

Received from churches		$286.20
Collection from stand		106.66
Paid for Minutes	$42.50	
Allowed Clerk for his services	20.00	
Allowed Moderator	10.00	
Allowed Moderator pro. tem.	10.00	
Miscellaneous allowances (Postage)	1.36	
Given visiting ministers	309.00	
Total	$392.86	
Total		$392.86

18. The report was received and the Committee discharged after the money was distributed to the proper ones.

19. In as much as all our business is transacted on Friday, it is hereby agreed that any Messenger from any church or Association who failed to make his report, may make his report any time to the Clerk during the Association, and the Clerk is authorized to record same on our records.

20. The Clerk is authorized to have 1050 copies of these Minutes printed and distributed among the churches and Associations we correspond with, and record one on our record; and that the Clerk be allowed $20.00 for his services.

21. Agreed that the constitution and Rules of Decorum be printed with these Minutes.

22. The following brethren, S. E. Woodard, Joe Woodard, David Boyette were appointed to preserve order during the services Saturday and Sunday.

23. Resolved that our thanks be extended to all the brethren and friends of this community and other sections, who so kindly prepared for and entertained us, and that our Moderator give public expression at the close of the Association.

24. On motion and agreed that the Association begin services at 10:30 a. m. Saturday and 10: a. m., Sunday.

25. After the Minutes were read and approved the Association adjourned to meet again at the time and place appointed for the next session with praise and prayer by the Moderator.

ELDER E. L. COBB, Moderator.
ELDER J. T. WILLIAMS, Moderator, Pro Tem.
ELDER W. E. TURNER, Clerk.
BROTHER I. A. LAMM, Assistant Clerk.
BROTHER J. T. BALLANCE, Assistant Clerk.

MINISTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION AND THEIR ADDRESS

Elder J. T. Williams, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C.
Elder W. R. Hines, Youngsville, N. C.
Elder J. B. Murray, Bailey, N. C.
Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.
Elder W. B. Barnes, Sharpsburg, N. C.
Elder N. S. Davis, Fremont, N. C.
Elder Johnnie Joyner, Sharpsburg, N. C.
Elder W. G. Pate, Goldsboro, N. C.

Licentiates:
A. C. Owens and H. E. Mann

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES, AND TIME OF HOLDING YEARLY MEETINGS

1. Aycock's—Pastor, Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, J. T. Ballance, Fremont, N. C.; September, 4th Sunday.
2. Beulah—Pastor, Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, Julius Pittman, Selma, N. C.; September, 3rd Sunday.
3. Contentnea—Pastor, Elder W. G. Pate, Goldsboro, N. C.; Clerk, F. W. Boswell, Wilson, N. C.; Rt. 3,; October, 3rd Sunday.
4. Creeches—Pastor, Elder E. C. Jones, Varina, N. C.; Clerk, G. G. Creech, Kenly, N. C.; August, 1st Sunday.
5. Dudley—No pastor; Clerk, Sister Cousie Southerland, Mount Olive, N. C.; August, 3rd Sunday.
6. Goldsboro—Pastor, Elder W. G. Pate, Goldsboro, N. C.; Clerk, W. H. Evans, Goldsboro, N. C.; August, 1st Sunday.
7. Healthy Plains—Pastor, Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, O. W. Hales, 720 Tarboro St., Wilson, N. C.; August 2nd Sunday.
8. Lower Black Creek—Pastor, Elder J. D. Fly, Rocky Mount, N. C.; Clerk, J. G. Mercer, Black Creek, N. C.; September, 2nd Sunday.
9. Memorial—Pastor, Elder N. S. Davis, Fremont, N. C.; Clerk, L. G. Forehand, Rt. 2, Goldsboro, N. C,; October, 1st Sunday.
10. Mill Branch—Pastor, Elder A. B. Denson, Rocky Mt., N. C.; Clerk, Elder Johnnie Joyner, Sharpsburg, N. C.; August, 1st Sunday.
11. Nashville—Pastor, Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, J. W. Whitfield Nashville, N. C. Rt. 2; September, 4th Sunday.
12. New Chapel—Pastor, Elder W. R. Hines, Youngsville, N. C.; Clerk, Albert Smith, Goldsboro, N. C., Rt. 1; September, 2nd Sunday.
13. Peach Tree—Pastor, Elder J. B. Murray, Spring Hope, N. C.; Clerk, S. A. Walker, Spring Hope, N. C.; August, 2nd Sunday.
14. Pittman's Grove—Pastor, Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, Lee Pope, Kenly, N. C.
15. Sandy Grove—No pastor; Clerk, L. G. Brantley, Spring Hope, N. C,; August, 1st Sunday.
16. Sappony—Pastor, Elder J. T. Williams, Rocky Mount, N. C.; Clerk, J. B. Williams, Rocky Mount, N. C., 520 N. Church St.; September, 3rd Sunday.
17. Scott's—Pastor, Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, I. A. Lamm, Princeton, N. C.; October, 1st Sunday.
18. Upper Black Creek—Pastor, Elder J. D. Fly, Rocky Mt., N. C.; Clerk, Adrian Hooks, Lucama, N. C.; September, 4th Sunday.
19. White Oak—Pastor, Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, Mrs. Metta Herring, Walstonburg, N. C.; August, 1st Sunday.
20. Elm City—Pastor, Elder W. B. Barnes, Sharpsburg, N. C.; Clerk, Mrs. W. B. Barnes, Sharpsburg, N. C. 2 Sunday in October.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Church	Clerk	P. O. Address	No. Copies
1. Aycock's	J. T. Ballance	Fremont, N. C.	35
2. Beulah	Julius Pittman	Selma, N. C.	50
3. Contentnea	F. W. Boswell	R 3, Wilson, N. C.	70
4. Creeches	G. G. Creech	Micro, N. C.	35
5. Dudly	Mrs. Cousie Southerland	Mount Olive, N. C.	5
6. Goldsboro	W. H. Evans	Goldsboro, N. C.	10
7. Healthy Plains	O. W. Hales	720 Tarboro St., Wilson, N. C.	35
8. Lower Black Creek	J. G. Mercer	Black Creek, N. C.	50
9. Memorial	L. G. Forehand	R 2, Goldsboro, N. C.	35
10. Mill Branch	Elder Johnnie Joyner.	Sharpsburg, N. C.	25

11. Nashville—J. W. Whitfield, R 1, Box 29, Nashville, N. C. .. 20
12. New Chapel—Albert Smith, R 1, Goldsboro, N. C. 15
13. Peach Tree—S. A. Walker, Spring Hope, N. C. 10
14. Pittman Grove—Lee Pope, Kenly, N. C. 20
15. Sappony—J. B. Williams, 520 N. Church St., Rocky Mt. 25
16. Sandy Grove—L. G. Brantley, Spring Hope, N. C. 50
17. Scott's—I. A. Lamm, Princeton, N. C. 30
18. Upper Black Creek—Adrian Hooks, Lucama, N. C. 75
19. White Oak—Mrs. Metta Herring, Walstonburg, N. C. 35
20. Elm City—Mrs. W. B. Barnes, Sharpsburg, N. C. 10

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Association	Clerk or Mod.	Address	No. Copies
Abbott's Creek	R. L. Comer	Carthage, N. C.	10
Bear Creek	T. A. Williams	Monroe, N. C.	20
Black Creek	Elder W. E. Turner	Wilson, N. C.	75
Contentnea	Elder J. E. Mewborn	Snow Hill, N. C.	30
Delaware River	Elder C. W. Vaughn	Hopewell, N. J.	10
Delaware	Henry H. Townsend, Sr.	Newton Square, Pa.	5
Kehukee	Elder R. B. Denson	Rocky Mount, N. C.	40
Little River	Elder E. C. Jones	Varina, N. C.	25
Lower Country Line	J. J. Whitley	Durham, N. C.	15
Pigg River	Elder J. D. Wood	Rt. 5, Baltimore 7, Md.	25
Salem	Elder Z. L. Rhue	Rt. 6, Winston-Salem, N. C.	10
Seven Mile	Graham Jackson	Godwin, N. C.	10
Staunton River	W. J. Oakes	Blairs, Va.	15
Upper Country Line	Elder J. W. Gilliam	Elon College, N. C.	20
Va. Corresponding Meeting	Elder H. H. Lefferts	Leesburg, Va.	10
Warwick	Elder R. Lester Dodson	Rutherford, N. J.	10
White Oak	Elder L. E. Bryan	Tr. 11992, Camp Lejeune, N. C.	20

YEARS ASSOCIATION HELD WITH CHURCHES

1—Aycock's	1903-1924-1940
2—Beulah	1902-1917-1936-1948
3—Contentnea	1912-1933
4—Creech's	1913-1929
5—Dudley	
6—Goldsboro	
7—Healthy Plains	1915-1937
8—Lower Black Creek	1905-1922-1939
9—Memorial	1904-1919-1934
10—Mill Branch	1911-1931-1945
11—Nashville	1909-1920-1938
12—New Chapel	1891
13—Peach Tree	1910
14—Pittman's Grove	1921-1935
15—Sandy Grove	1923-1943
16—Sappony	1926-1942
17—Scotts	1908-1932-1946
18—Upper Black Creek	1914-1928-1941
19—White Oak	1907-1927-1944
20—Elm City	1925-1947

RULES OF DECORUM

1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.
4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator till he is done speaking.
5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can so as to convey his light and ideas.
6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.
7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty from the Association.
8. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of same, nor whisper in the time of public speech.
9. No member of the Association shall address another in any term or appellation other than that of brother.
10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he break the rules of decorum.
11. The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.
12. The Moderator shall be the last person who shall speak on the subject, who may give his opinion if he chooses before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be equally divided.

CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE BLACK CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

From a long series of experiences, we, the church of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptised upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of the constitution of churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in union. We, therefore, propose to maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, duly sent to represent them in this Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose and upon producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat, provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in the constitution.
2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptised, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, and dead since our last association.
3. The members thus chosen and convened shall not have any ecclesiastical power of the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the fraternal rights of any church in this union.
4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.
5. The association shall have a Moderator and clerk who shall

be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the members the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in this Association by not to exceed three of its members.

8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read and if there be a majority for it being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the members who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the Minutes of this Association. The best method of effecting the purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this Association and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by this Association, who shall be accountable to the Association.

12. The Minutes of the Association when printed, shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

13. Amendments of this plan or form of government may be made at any time by majority of the union, when they may deem it necessary.

14. The Association shall have the power: 1., to provide for the general rule of churches; 2, to preserve inviolably, a chain of communication among the churches; 3, to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4, to enquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in this association; 5, to appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for any Association fund to any purpose strictly connected with this Association; 6, to appoint any members by and with his or her consent to contract any business which may seem necessary; 7, the Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which violates the rules of this Association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion; 8, to admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present at the time of its sitting whom it shall judge necessary; 9, the Association shall have the power to adjourn itself to any future time or place it may think most convenient to the churches of the Union.

15. We shall not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or other lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come to reside among us in the character of a preacher. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our Association establishing societies for the collecting of money, or who himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible Tract, or Sunday School union societies, nor advocate theological schools, nor any persons who do fellowship with them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Received by Bap	Rec'd by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dismissed	Excluded	Deceased	Total Members	Contribution
Aycock's	E. T. Smith, S. H. Aycock, J. T. Ballance	..	..	..	..	..	..	40	$15 00
Beulah	J. P. Pittman, J. V. Woodard, T. W. Brown	..	1	..	1	1	1	54	20.50
Contentnea	J. T. Boyette, T. R. Smith, T. B. Mercer	..	..	..	..	..	1	68	21.40
Dudley	Walter N. Crawford, Sister Walter Crawford	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	2.00
Goldsboro	M. L. Bartlett, W. H. Evans* B. F. Taylor*	1	1	..	..	..	..	18	10.00
Lower Black Cr'k	J. G. Mercer, J. P. Bardin, O. R. Daniels	2	..	..	..	..	3	58	10.00
Healthy Plains	G. C. Coleman, H. W. Howard, O. W. Hales	3	..	..	1	..	1	40	20.00
Memorial	Elder N. S. Davis, T. J. Yelverton, L. G. Forehand	..	..	..	..	..	1	40	12.00
Mill Branch	B. Viverette, L. A. Hinton, Elder Johnnie Joyner	..	..	..	..	..	..	27	23.30
Nashville	J. H. Whitfield, B. J. Whitfield, J. W. Whitfield	1	..	..	..	..	1	24	8.00
Peach Tree	W. C. M. Sykes* J. W. Bartholomew* S. A. Walker	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	2.00
New Chapel	A. J. Smith Elder W. R. Hines Andrew Gurley*	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	5.00
Pittman's Grove	Lee Pope, Joe Langley	..	..	..	..	1	1	24	5.00
Scott's	J. B. Barron, E. C. Evans* J. W. Ellis	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	6.00
Upper Black Cr'k	W. R. Barnes F. W. Scott J. S. Rogerson	4	..	..	..	..	1	111	20.00
White Oak	Joe E. Craft, Ivey Reason, H. T. Thomas*	1	..	..	..	..	2	38	27.25
Sandy Grove	W. T. Brantley H. S. Whitley* W. J. Bissett*	..	..	..	..	..	2	46	17.50
Elm City	Roscoe Page Mary Page J. D. Griffin*	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	8.00
Sappony	W. N. Cockrell Elder J. T. Williams J. B. Williams	..	..	..	..	..	3	27	33.25
Creeches	J. E. Creech N. P. Pittman N. R. Creech	..	..	..	..	1	1	37	20.00
	(Absent*) Totals	12	2	..	2	3	18	722	286.20

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SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

— of the —

Black Creek Primitive Baptist Association

— held with —

CREECHES CHURCH
Johnston County, N. C.
October 21, 22, 23,

1949

1950 Session convenes with Lower Black Creek Church, Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, at 11 a. m.

Officers

ELDER E. L. COBB - Moderator	Wilson, N. C.
ELDER W. E. TURNER - Clerk	Wilson, N. C.
J. T. BOYETTE - Assistant Clerk	Wilson, N. C.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION OF THE BLACK CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH CREECHES CHURCH, October 21, 22, 23, 1949.

1. The services were opened with praise and prayer by Elder A. B. Ayers.

2. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder W. E. Turner, from 2 John 1:1-11.

3. Conference was opened with praise and prayer by Elder J. B. Roberts.

4. On motion and agreed Elder E. L. Cobb was chosen Moderator, but due to his infirmities, Elder J. T. Williams was chosen Moderator pro tem. Elder W. E. Turner was chosen Clerk, who called Brother J. T. Boyette as assistant.

5. On motion and agreed brethren and messengers from sister Associations were invited to seat with us.

6. Elders G. P. Harris, A. B. Ayers, Lester E. Lee, A. B. Denson and R. W. Gurganus were appointed to preach this afternoon, and they used the following texts: G. P. H., James 2:20; A. B. A., Rev.5; L. E. L., Matt. 5:6; R. W. G., Titus 3:5; A. B. D., Luke 10:17.

7. Brethren J. S. Rogerson, E. T. Smith and J. T. Ballance were appointed a Committee on Finance.

8. Letters from nineteen churches composing this Association were called for and read.

9. Petitionary letters to join this Association were called for: none.

10. Called for corresponding messengers from sister Associations:

Abbott's Creek: Minutes.

Bear Creek: Cayce Edwards, J. S. Edwards.

Baltimore: None.

Contentnea: M. O. Speight, Elder J. B. Roberts.

Kehukee: Elders A. B. Ayers, R. B. Denson, A. B. Denson.

Little River: Elders T. F. Adams, E. C. Jones, Brother Wade Brown.

Lower Country Line: Elder A. L. Holloway, Brethren Andrew Hill, F. D. Long.

Lower Mayo: Elder W. H. Freeman.

Mill Branch: Bennie Hewitt.

New River: Elder Golden Harris.

Pigg River: Elder J. O. Conner.

Salem: Elders D. G. Staples, R. F. Keaton.

Seven Mile: Elders L. A. Johnson, Lester E. Lee, Brother J. F. House.

Staunton River: Elder Emmett Stone.

Upper Country Line: Minutes. (See under visitors).

White Oak: Elders R. W. Gurganus, E. F. Pollard.

Ministers present not in our correspondence: Elder S. L. Moran from the Smith River Association.

11. Appointed the next session of our Association to be held with the Church at Lower Black Creek, to commence on Friday before

the fourth Sunday in October 1950 at eleven o'clock. The Introductory Sermon to be preached by Elder W. E. Turner, and Elder W. G. Pate, alternate.

12. The following brethren were appointed to visit the sister Associations with whom we correspond:

Abbott's Creeek: None.

Baltimore: None.

Bear Creek: Elders W. B. Barnes, W. G. Pate.

Contentnea: Joe E. Craft, O. R. Daniels, Elders J. T. Williams.

Kehukee: Elder J. T. Williams, Brother J. S. Rogerson.

Little River: Elder J. T. Wililams.

Lower Country Line: Elders J. T. Williams, W. G. Pate, Brother E. T. Smith.

Lower Mayo: None.

Mill Branch: Elder J. T. Williams, Brother O. R. Daniels.

New River: Elder W. B. Barnes, Brother Joe E. Craft.

Pigg River: Elder W. B. Barnes, Brother W. T. Brantley.

Salem: Elder J. T. Williams, Brother Joe E. Craft.

Seven Mile: Elder J. T. Williams, Brethren J. T. Ballance, E. T Smith.

Staunton River: Elders W. G. Pate, W. E. Turner, Brother J. T. Boyette.

White Oak: Elders J. T. Williams, W. B. Barnes, Brother Joe E. Craft.
Visitors: Elder W. J. Berry and wife, Upper Country Line Association.

13. The officers of this Association together with the deacons of this church were appointed a Committee on Arrangments.

14. Elders S. L. Moran, A. L. Holloway, R. F. Keaton, E. F. Pollard W. H. Freeman, J. O. Conner, T. F. Adams were appointed to preach Saturday morning, and they used the following texts: S. L. M., Matt. 10:17, 18; A. L. H., Matt. 27:36; R. F. K., John 21:3; E. F. P., Matt. 11:4; W. H. F., Gen. 1:1, 2; J. O. C., 2 Tim. 2:19; T. F. A., Isa. 55:1. Elders C. L. Robbins, R. B. Denson, J. D. Fly, E. C. Stephenson were appointed to preach Saturday afternoon and they used the following texts: C. L. R., No text recorded; R. B. D., Luke 10:17; J. D. F., John 6:48; E. C. S., Judges 16:1-6.

Elders Emmett Stone, L. A. Johnson, J. B. Roberts, W. J. Berry, Carl Edwards, W. E. Jarrell, J. E. Mewborn, and Sheppard Langdon were appointed to preach Sunday morning, and they used the following texts: E. S., Ps. 133; L. A. J., 1 John 3:4; J. B. R., Luke 1:31; W.J.B., Rom. 2:17-19; W. C. E., John 1:5; W. E. J., John 17-2; J. E. M., Matt. 16:1-4; S. L., John 14:1-3.

Elders T. L. Grimes, F. H. Nordon, E. W. Moore, G. G. Trevathan, D. G. Staples, and E. C. Jones were appointed to preach Sunday afternoon. They used the following texts: T. L. G., Acts 2:22-24; F. H. N., John 4:48; E. W. M., Matt. 19:4; G. G. T., No text recorded; D. G. S., Matt. 5:3; E. C. J., No text recorded.

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16. The messengers that were appointed last year to visit sister Associations were called on to report, and those that failed to attend

were excused.

17. The committee on finance made the following report:

Received from churches		$251.10
Donation from stand		70.90
Paid for minutes	$ 42.50	
Allowed Clerk for services	20.00	
Allowed Moderator	10.00	
Allowed Moderator Pro tem	10.00	
Given to visiting ministers	239.50	
Grand Total	$322.00	$322.00

18. The report was received and the committee discharged after the money was distributed to the proper ones.

19. In as much as all of our business is transacted on Friday, it is hereby agreed that any messenger from any church or Association who failed to make his report can make his report any time during the Association, and the Clerk is authorized to record same on our records.

20. The Clerk is authorized to have 1050 copies of these Minutes printed and distributed among the churches and Associations we correspond with, and record one on our record; and that the Clerk be allowed $20.00 for his services.

21. Agreed that the Constitution and Rules of Decorum be printed with these minutes.

22. The Deacons of Creeches Church were appointed to preserve order during the services on Saturday and Sunday.

23. Resolved that our thanks be extended to all of the brethren and friends of this, and other sections, who so kindly prepared for and entertained us, and that our Moderator give public expression at the close of the Association.

24. On motion and agreed that the Association begin services at 10:30 a. m. Saturday and 10:00 a. m. Sunday.

25. After the minutes were read and approved the Association adjourned to meet again at the time and place appointed for the next session, with praise and prayer by the Moderator.

ELDER E. L. COBB, Moderator
ELDER J. T. WILLIAMS, Moderator Pro tem
ELDER W. E. TURNER, Clerk
BROTHER J. T. BOYETTE, Assistant Clerk

IN MEMORIUM

As we convene for this session of our Association we pause in sorrow to record the passing from time to eternity of our beloved Brother and Deacon, I. A. Lamm, who departed this life December 3, 1948. He served as Assistant Clerk of the Black Creek Association from 1912, which service was rendered faithfully and efficiently. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his family, friends and church. W. E. T.

We wish to especially express our appreciation to Brother O. W. Hales, who so kindly presented to the Association a road sign to be used in directing traffic to the Association.

MINISTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder J. T. Williams, Elm City, N. C.
Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C.
Elder W. R. Hines, Youngsville, N. C.
Elder J. B. Murray, Bailey, N. C.
Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.
Elder W. B. Barnes, Sharpsburg, N. C.
Elder N. S. Davis, Fremont, N. C.
Elder Johnnie Joyner, Sharpsburg, N. C.
Elder W. G. Pate, Goldsboro, N. C.

Licentiates:

A. C. Owens and H. E. Mann

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES, AND TIME OF HOLDING YEARLY MEETINGS

1. Aycock's—Pastor, Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, J. T. Ballance, Fremont, N. C.; September, 4th Sunday.
2. Beulah—Pastor, Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, Julius Pittman, Selma, N. C.; September, 3rd Sunday.
3. Contentnea—Pastor, Elder W. G. Pate, Goldsboro, N. C.; Clerk, F. W. Boswell, Wilson, N. C., Rt. 3; October, 3rd Sunday.
4. Creeches—Pastor, Elder E. C. Jones, Varina, N. C.; Clerk, G. G. Creech, Kenly, N. C.; August, 1st Sunday.
5. Dudley—No pastor; Clerk, Sister Cousie Southerland, Mount Olive, N. C.; August, 3rd Sunday.
6. Goldsboro—Pastor, Elder W. G. Pate, Goldsboro, N. C.; Clerk, W. H. Evans, Goldsboro, N. C.; August, 1st Sunday.
7. Healthy Plains—Pastor, Elder W. J. Berry, Elon College, N. C. Clerk, O. W. Hales, 806 Tarboro St., Wilson, N. C. August 2nd Sunday.
8. Lower Black Creek—Pastor, Elder J. D. Fly, Rocky Mount, N. C.; Clerk, J. G. Mercer, Black Creek, N. C.; September, 2nd Sunday.
9. Memorial—Pastor, Elder N. S. Davis, Fremont, N. C.; Clerk, L. G. Forehand, Rt. 2, Goldsboro, N. C.; October, 1st Sunday.
10. Mill Branch—Pastor, Elder A. B. Denson, Rocky Mt., N. C.; Clerk, Elder Johnnie Joyner, Sharpsburg, N. C.; August, 1st Sunday.
11. Nashville—Pastor, Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, J. W. Whitfield, Nashville, N. C., Rt. 2; September, 4th Sunday.
12. New Chapel—Pastor, Elder W. R. Hines, Youngsville, N. C.; Clerk, Albert Smith, Goldsboro, N. C., Rt. 1; September, 2nd Sunday.
13. Pittman's Grove—Pastor, Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, Lee Pope, Kenly, N. C.; October, 2nd Sunday.
14. Sandy Grove—No pastor; Clerk, L. G. Brantley, Spring Hope, N. C.; May, 1st Sunday.
15. Sappony—Pastor, Elder J. T. Williams, Rocky Mount, N. C.; Clerk, J. B. Williams, Rocky Mount, N. C., 520 N. Church St.; September, 3rd Sunday.
16. Scott's—Pastor, Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C., Clerk, J. B. Barron, Wilson, N. C.; October 1st Sunday.
17. Upper Black Creek—Pastor, Elder J. D. Fly, Rocky Mt., N. C.; Clerk, Adrian Hooks, Lucama, N. C.; September, 4th Sunday.
18. White Oak—Pastor, Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C.; Clerk, Body Price, Saratoga, N. C.; August, 1st Sunday.
19. Elm City—Pastor, Elder W. B. Barnes, Sharpsburg, N. C.; Clerk, Mrs. W. B. Barnes, Sharpsburg, N. C.; 2 Sunday in October.

YEARS ASSOCIATION HELD WITH CHURCHES

1—Aycock's	1903-1924-1940
2—Beulah	1902-1917-1936-1948
3—Contentnea	1912-1933
4—Creech's	1913-1929-1949
5—Dudley	
6—Goldsboro	
7—Healthy Plains	1915-1937
8—Lower Black Creek	1905-1922-1939
9—Memorial	1904-1919-1934
10—Mill Branch	1911-1931-1945
11—Nashville	1909-1920-1938
12—New Chapel	1891
13—Pittman's Grove	1921-1935
14—Sandy Grove	1923-1943
15—Sappony	1926-1942
16—Scott's	1908-1932-1946
17—Upper Black Creek	1914-1928-1941
18—White Oak	1907-1927-1944
19—Elm City	1925-1947

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO ASSOCIATIONS

Association	Clerk or Mod.	Address	No. Copies
Abbott's Creek	R. L. Comer	Carthage, N. C.	10
Bear Creek	T. A. Williams	Monroe, N. C.	20
Black Creek	Elder W. E. Turner	Wilson , N. C.	95
Contentnea	Elder J. E. Mewborn	Snow Hill, N. C.	30
Delaware River	Mrs. Letha Blackwell	Hopewell, N. J.	10
Delaware	Henry H. Townsend, Sr.	Newton Square, Pa.	5
Kehukee	Elder R. B. Denson	Rocky Mount, N. C.	40
Little River	Elder E. C. Jones	Varina, N. C.	25
Lower Country Line	J. J. Whitley	Durham, N. C.	15
Pigg River	Elder J. D. Wood	Rt. 5, Baltimore 7, Md.	25
Salem	Elder Z. L. Rhue	Rt. 6, Winston-Salem, N. C.	10
Seven Mile	Graham Jackson	Godwin, N. C.	10
Staunton River	W. J. Oakes	Blairs, Va.	15
Upper Country Line	Elder J. W. Gilliam	Elon College, N. C.	20
Va. Corresponding Meeting	A. D. Alston	Herndon, Va.	10
Warwick	Elder R. Lester Dodson	Rutherford, N. J.	10
White Oak	Elder L. E. Bryan	Beulaville, N. C.	20

RULES OF DECORUM

1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can so as to convey his light and ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of same, nor whisper in the time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any term or appelation other than that of brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he break the rules of decorum.

11. The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be the last person who shall speak on the subject, who may give his opinion if he chooses before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be equally divided.

CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE BLACK CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

From a long series of experiences, we, the church of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptised upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of the constitution of churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in union. We, therefore, propose to maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

1. The Assciation shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, duly sent to represent them in this Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose and upon producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat, provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in the constitution.

2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptised, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, and dead since our last Association

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall not have any ecclesiastical power of the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in this union.

4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Molerator and clerk who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the members the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in this Associaiton by not to exceed three of its members.

8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall

be twice read and if there be a majority for it being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the members who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the Minutes of this Association. The best method of effecting the purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

11. We think it absolutely nesessary that we should have an Association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this Association and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by this Association, who shall be accountable to the Association.

12. The Minutes of the Association, when printed, shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

13. Amendments of this plan or form of government may be made at any time by majority of the union, when they deem it necessary.

14. The Association shall have the power: 1., to provide for the general rule of churches; 2, to preserve inviolably, a chain of communication among the churches; 3, to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4, to enquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in this Association; 5, to appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for any Association fund to any purpose strictly connected with this Association; 6, to appoint any members by and with his or her consent to contract any business which may seem necessary; 7, the Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which violates the rules of this Association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion; 8, to admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present at the time of its sitting whom it shall judge necessary; 9, the Association shall have the power to adjourn itself to any future time or place it may think most convenient to the churches of the Union.

15. We shall not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or other lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come to reside among us in the character of a preacher. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our Association establishing societies for the collecting of money, or who himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible Tract, or Sunday School union societies, nor advocate theological schools, nor any persons who do fellowship with them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	MESSENGERS	Baptised	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. of Members	Contribution
Aycocks	J. T. Ballance, E. T. Smith, S. H. Aycock	..	..	..	..	..	1	29	$ 15.00
Beulah	S. W. Woodard, H. W. Phillips, J. P. Pittman	2	..	..	..	1	1	51	16.00
Contentnea	J. F. Boyette, Offie Smith, Ira Lucas	3	..	..	..	2	3	66	21.60
Dudley	Not represented								
Goldsboro	W. H. Evans,* B. F. Taylor,* M. L. Bartlett	1	1	..	..	..	..	20	10.00
Lower Black Creek	J. T. Bardin, O. R. Daniel, J. G. Mercer	..	..	..	..	..	3	55	10.00
Healthy Plains	G. C. Coleman, H. W. Howard, O. W. Hales	..	..	..	..	1	2	37	23.00
Memorial	Elder N. S. Davis, T. J. Yelverston,* L. G. Forehand	..	..	..	..	..	4	36	12.00
Mill Branch	B. Viverette, L. A. Hinton, Elder Johnnie Joyner	2	..	..	..	..	..	28	19.25
Nashville	J. W. Whitfield, W. D. Robbins, E. J. Whitfield	..	..	..	..	..	1	23	9.00
New Chapel	A. J. Smith,* W. R. Hines,* Andrew Gurley	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	7.00
Pittmans Grove	Lee Pope, Joe Langley	..	1	..	..	..	2	23	5.00
Scotts	I. O. Barnes, J. B. Barron, C. D. Scott	1	..	..	..	..	1	30	6.00
Upper Black Creek	J. S. Rogerson, F. W. Scott, Carl Lamm*	2	..	1	..	..	4	110	20.00
White Oak	Joe E. Craft, Arthur Morris, Ivey Reason	..	..	..	..	..	3	35	17.00
Sandy Grove	H. S. Whitley,* L. G. Brantley, W. T. Brantley	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	46	16.25
Elm City	Rosco Page, Mary Page,* J. D. Griffin*	..	..	..	..	..	1	10	8.00
Sappony	W. N. Cockrell, W. A. Johnson,* Elder J. T. Williams	..	..	..	..	..	..	27	15.00
Creeches	J. E. Creech, W. T. Barham, N. R. Creech	2	2	..	..	..	..	41	21.00
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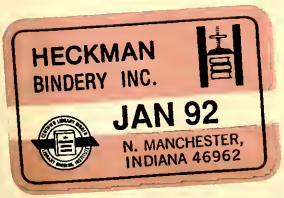
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